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## Only 12 residents remain at care home

MORE than half the residents living at a care home near Stourbridge have moved out since the firm running it hit financial difficulties.

Elysian Care Ltd, which runs The Homestead in Prestwood, went into administration on Friday.

Earlier this month, Staffordshire County Council stepped in to pay staff and ensure care for the 25 residents continued.

This week there were 12 residents still at the home. Five are registered by Staffordshire County Council, five by Dudley Council and two independent residents.

Diana Frangou and Dilip Dattani of Baker Tilly have been appointed joint administrators of Elysian Care Ltd. The company also runs Knoll House in The Avenue, Penn. All of the residents have already been moved out of Knoll House.

Baker Tilly said: "Our key priority now is to ensure that The Homestead continues to operate efficiently with the minimum of disruption to the residents whilst suitable alternative accommodation is being sought. We will be working closely with the local authorities and will be supported by a specialist healthcare management company."



# NEW MOSQUE PLAN OPPOSED

ALMOST 800 people have objected to plans for a new mosque in Dudley, just one month after the latest proposal was lodged with the council.

Dudley Muslim Association submitted the planning application as part of its latest bid to build the worship centre in Hall Street.

The proposal has a new design developed with town planners, including a shorter minaret and reduction in overall floor space.

However, fierce opposition to the revised mosque proposal has sprung up, with 792 people writing or emailing Dudley Council to make their objections to the proposal.

### Support

However, a total of 129 people have written to the council in support of the plans from community leaders.

All the letters are available to view on the council's website. But in some lot the letters, sentences have been blacked out over fears that they could cause offence.

Choudhary Noor Hussain, general secretary of Dudley Centre Mosque and Muslim Community Centre, said it was too early to comment on the objections at this stage.

But he said: "We don't want bad harmony in the community. We have got a good relationship with other religious bodies."

"If the proposal was for a church, the Muslim community would be in support of it."

Outline planning permission was approved for the scheme in 2008 following a planning inquiry. The latest plans are part of the association's reserved matters planning application.

The new proposal sees the

By Alex Ross

overall size of the development having been reduced and leaders say it will not be taller than other nearby buildings.

The building would have a curved roof and the minaret would stand at 61ft tall, which is shorter than in a previous plan. Previously it has been said that the current mosque on Castle Hill is not big enough for the numbers attending.

The objections include fears from members of the people over further congestion in Dudley town centre roads. There are also concerns mentioned over the impact of parking in roads surrounding the proposed mosque in Hall Street.

Most of the letters have come from people living in the Dudley borough, but some have come from as far away as Tamworth.

The proposal comes despite an on-going battle between the association and Dudley Council over land in Hall Street earmarked for development. The association is bidding to stop a buy-back clause in their contract, with the authority forcing the group to sell the land back if building work does not get under way.

A hearing is due to take place at London's High Court next year.

## Special guide to borough's real ale trail



Cheers — Culture boss Councillor Hilary Bills with CAMRA members outside the Lamp Tavern in Dudley

REAL ale drinkers are raising their glass to a guide that showcases some of the best boozers in the Black Country.

The Dudley Real Ale Trail features 33 of the best real ale pubs in the borough, featuring beers from local breweries such as Bathams, Holden's and Enville.

The guide has been produced by Dudley Council and the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), and features a map and details on the pub, such as whether they serve food or offer overnight accommodation.

Steve Thompson, chairman of Dud-

ley CAMRA, said: "The Dudley Real Ale Trail shows off some of the finest drinking pubs in the Dudley borough."

Breweries featured in the guide include Sadler's, Olde Swan, Craddock's, Black Country Ales, Kinver and Sarah Hughes.

The eight-page leaflet provides the contact details and websites for all the pubs, along with a picture and a short description of each pub.

The map highlights where each pub is in the borough, along with major roads and bus routes so drinkers can create their own ale trail to sample the best beers that Dudley has to offer.

The pub guide is also split into areas, such as Lower Gornal, Sedgley, Stourbridge and Lye, so the creation of a personalised ale trail is made even easier.

Popular pubs such as The Beacon Hotel in Sedgley, the Lamp Tavern in Dudley's High Street and The Starving Rascal in Amblecote are included in the guide.

Copies of the leaflet can be picked up from libraries, town halls, leisure centres, and visitor attractions in the borough, and Dudley Council Plus. It is also available for download from the [www.discoverdudley.org.uk](http://www.discoverdudley.org.uk) website.

## Man hurt in mobility scooter accident

AN ELDERLY man was critically injured when his mobility scooter hit a telegraph pole and a lamppost.

He suffered a serious head injury, fractured ribs and a 'significant' leg injury in the accident in Farm Road, Netherton at around 1pm on Monday.

West Midlands Ambulance Service say the man, believed to be aged in his 70s, was trapped underneath the scooter for a short time after the accident.

### Unconscious

Spokeswoman Claire Brown said: "When ambulance staff and the medic arrived, the man was unconscious and upon assessment was found to have sustained a serious head injury, fractured ribs and a significant leg injury."

"As a team, ambulance staff and the doctor worked to stabilise the man's deteriorating condition at the scene by administering fluids, pain relief and a drug to reduce bleeding."

"The man's seriously injured leg was placed into a splint and he was immobilised further with a neck collar and spinal board."

He was taken to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham where his condition was said to be stable but critical.

## Glass centre wins approval

THE £5 million redevelopment of a former glass factory has been welcomed by councillors who gave it the go-ahead on Monday.

The former Stuart Crystal factory site will be transformed into a museum celebrating the area's glass making heritage, as well as 18 apartments and several commercial units.

Dudley Council's development control committee unanimously voted to give the scheme in High Street, Wordsley, the green light.

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# One in four children living in poverty

MORE than one in four children in Dudley are living in poverty, according to new figures.

In Sandwell it is worse, one in three at 34 per cent of youngsters defined as being in poverty. In Wolverhampton the figure is 33 per cent and in Walsall it is 32 per cent.

Dudley children fare better with a figure of 26 per cent (just over one in four).

All the Black Country is above the national average of 25.1 per cent.

The figures have been released by The Campaign to End Child Poverty and are based on tax credit data.

The highest number for childhood poverty in the West Midlands is Birmingham with 37 per cent of youngsters in poverty.

Chairman of End Child Poverty,

David Holmes, said: "These figures reveal just how widely and deeply child poverty reaches into our communities, even those areas generally regarded as well off.

"Far too many children whose parents are struggling to make a living are suffering as a result and missing out on the essentials of a decent childhood that all young people should be entitled to.

"We can and must do better for our children. Poverty ruins childhoods and reduces life chances. Failing to invest properly in children is a false economy — already child poverty costs the country £29bn each year and in the long run taxpayers will foot an even higher bill for correcting the damage.

The campaign is made up of more than 150 organisations.

# Healthier lifestyles boost use of centres

THE NUMBER of people using leisure centres in Dudley is on the up, figures reveal.

There were around 1.27 million visits logged between April 2013 and March 2014.

The council runs sites in Dudley, Halesowen and Stourbridge. Bosses say increasing the range of activities on offer such as fitness classes and a £1.5million revamp of the gyms at the sites has helped to attract more people. They say families are also becoming more health conscious.

The total number of visits went up from 1,231,326 in 2012/13 to 1,275,557 in 2013/14.

Dudley Leisure Centre saw visitor numbers rise from 286,481 to 296,808.

Halesowen Leisure Centre recorded 393,733 visits in 2012/13 and 399,688 in 2013/14.

**Grow**

Visits to the Crystal Leisure Centre went up from 551,112 to 579,061 last year. Councillor Rachel Harris, cabinet member for health, said: "The popularity of our leisure centres continues to grow as more and more people opt for healthier lifestyles.

"People can choose from a wide range of activities including our state-of-the-art gyms, swimming pools and our packed programme of popular exercise classes at Dudley, Halesowen and Crystal leisure centres.

"Since our £1.5million investment in leisure centre gyms in 2008, membership has also soared from around 600 to 3,871."

Dudley Council closed one pool in 2009. Coseley Baths was shut despite a campaign by residents to save it from the bulldozer. At the time the authority said urgent work was needed to replace the electric and fire safety equipment and improve disabled access to the pool.

They highlighted the number of alternative swimming pools, including a new £15m centre in Bilston.

The expansion is being completed with support from accountants Chantrey Vellacott, the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership's Regional Growth Fund — accessed through Sandwell Council — and funding from Lloyds Bank.

Sister company GF Laser, one of the UK's premier laser cutting specialists, will also be re-locating to the new site.

## First fight for women's fair pay



On the march for fair pay for women in a recreation of 1910's demonstrations

A REENACTMENT of the 1910 Cradley Heath women chainmakers' strike was held at the Black Country Living Museum on Saturday.

Led by charismatic trade unionist Mary Macarthur, portrayed by Stourbridge woman Lynn Morris, a procession illustrated the women's fight for a fair wage.

Mrs Morris then read out a victory speech to hundreds of visitors outside one of the museum's houses. Among those in the parade were members of the Fizzogs and Open Door Theatre. Mrs Morris said:

"Mary Macarthur was an amazing woman, I think we don't see powerful role female models like here anymore. She stood up against the powers that be for those without a voice, and won.

"We have been doing this for several years and we find people come back again to see it and to connect with her. They want to be inspired by what she did."

Deb Nicholls, from the Fizzogs, said: "I think for us, being from the Black Country and being women, it is important we remember events like this."

# Hospital cleared on restraint allegations

RUSSELLS Hall Hospital has been cleared of any wrongdoing after it was accused of illegally restraining patients.

An investigation found no evidence of unlawful restraint at the Dudley hospital but bosses have been told ward and security staff could benefit from additional training.

The review was launched after the hospital's former head of security, John Marchant, made allegations over unlawful restraint of patients earlier this year.

## Denied

He claimed staff had routinely forced vulnerable patients to stay in their rooms.

But a six-month investigation by the Dudley Safeguarding Children and Adults Boards found no evidence of this at the hospital.

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust always strongly denied the allegations.

The probe was co-ordinated with reviews by the Care Quality Commission, the Clinical Commissioning Group and an independent review commissioned by the hospital.

The board included members from Dudley Council's social care team, West Midlands Police and Age UK.

# New tribute to war dead

AN island at Tipton Cemetery has been re-dedicated to the Royal British Legion in a poignant ceremony.

The roundabout has been decorated with a poppy made from black and red glass beads and was officially dedicated to the Tipton branch of the Legion.

The new display, in honour of Tipton's war dead, was unveiled by Mayor of Sandwell Councillor Derek Rowley, who also laid a wreath.

The design had been created by the Friends of Tipton Cemetery group with students from Ace Academy.

## It's a sweet idea

A GYM in Dudley is getting into the Halloween spirit by asking its members to bring in bags of sweets to be given out on the children's ward at Russells Hall Hospital.

PureGym Brierley Hill, on Level Street, is offering a free day pass in return for family and friends.

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## Public take a look at Aldi store plans

PLANS for a supermarket bringing 40 jobs to a landmark site in Dudley went on display to the public.

Hundreds visited the exhibition of provisional plans for an Aldi to be built on the King Arthur site, on the Birmingham New Road.

The 'roadhouse' style public house was built in 1939 but has been empty since it closed in 2012.

The designs for the proposed store and 94-space car park were on show at St Francis Parish and Church Centre in Poplar Crescent in Dudley.

## Thirty homes on warehouse site

ALMOST 30 homes will be built on the site of a former tile warehouse in Wordsley.

The scheme earmarked for land, off Marine Crescent, has been given the go-ahead by Dudley Council.

There would be a total of 27 homes, a mixture of detached and semi-detached properties.

Two letters of objection were submitted to the council amid fears of increased traffic due to the development.

The warehouse was demolished in 2007.

## Biblical theme for choir musical

TWENTY two members of Overend Methodist Mission choir have been rehearsing a musical entitled *Apostle*, by Birmingham composer Roger Jones.

Peter Fisher will sing the part of St Paul and Stephen Cornwell will sing Ananias the priest. All are welcome to the performance in the church at Banners Lane at 6pm on Sunday. There is no admission charge but a collection will be made.

## Slimming club to relaunch in Gornal

A SLIMMING club is set to relaunch next month.

The Slimming World club will take place every week at Straits Primary School in Lower Gornal, starting on November 12. Sessions run from 7pm to 8.30pm. The club is open to anyone aged 11 upwards.

Turn up on the night or contact Marion Woodhouse on 07887 594344.

## Girl's TV dance

A GIRL from Sedgley was watched by millions of TV viewers in a sponsor's video for The X Factor on Saturday. Alder Coppice Primary pupil Amy Bates, 10, danced in a home video used by TalkTalk.

## Wanted suspect arrested by police

ONE of the Black Country's most wanted men has been arrested after a huge manhunt lasting four months.

Donavon Wilson, of Sedgley, was arrested in Derbyshire and has now been charged with 13 offences.

Police said the net was also closing in on his alleged accomplice Omar Maitland, aged 20, from Wolverhampton.

Nineteen-year-old Wilson has now been charged with a robbery in Tipton, stealing petrol in Tipton, a burglary in Halesowen and three Wolverhampton robberies.

He has also been charged with an attempted burglary in Dudley, theft of a motor vehicle in Wolverhampton, theft of petrol in Wolverhampton, wounding in Tipton, aggravated taking of a vehicle in Tipton and a car key burglary in Codsall.

Police first issued a public appeal for Wilson after an alleged car jacking in Woodcross, Wolverhampton, on June 18, targeting a 38-year-old woman.

Wilson appeared before Wolverhampton magistrates' court on Saturday, after being arrested on Friday. He was due to appear at Sandwell magistrates' court yesterday (Wednesday).

## Awards for young people

NOMINATIONS are open for the public to honour the achievements of young people in the borough.

Dudley Youth Awards celebrate the efforts of people aged from 11 to 19, or up to 25 for those with a disability.

There are six categories in the youth awards, organised by Dudley Youth Council, including arts, sport and contribution to school or college.

Nominations are open until November 7 and can be made via a form on Dudley Council website or forms available at libraries.

## Education help

A NEW service has launched to make sure children with special educational needs or disabilities get the most from their education.

It replaces Dudley Parent Partnership and provides children and their parents with support including advice and workshops.

## Angry residents want hospital bus service back

ANGRY residents were given the chance to voice their concerns to transport officials at a public meeting about the axing of an important bus route.

The service, which ran through Old Hill, Cradley Heath and Quarry Bank to Russells Hall Hospital, ended earlier in the summer.

Officials from National Express and Centro attended the meeting at Birch Coppice Methodist Church in Quarry Bank, with Councillor Bryan Cotterill. The representatives outlined plans for a replacement bus

service but both residents and Councillor Cotterill say they are not happy as the route does not go make some important stops, particularly Russells Hall Hospital.

Janine Willetts, of Bath Road, Brierley Hill, who was a regular user of the service, said: "We know that running a bus service is expensive, but we were told that the old 297 service costs £100,000 to run, and then they were telling us that the new 289 service which they want to put in will cost £125,000. Where is the sense in that?"

"I would like the old service back but I don't care what they call it as long as it goes to the right stops. There are a lot of vulnerable people around here who are old or disabled and the changes will just leave them without a service."

The replacement 289 service will be in place by November 30.

Another resident, Mary Rousell, said: "About a fortnight ago I went to Russells Hall for a blood test but a round trip that should have taken me less than an hour

took me two because I had to go up to Merry Hill and then wait for another bus.

"There is not a bus which goes straight to the hospital any more and that is my concern. We have a lot of elderly people who use the service who find the getting on and off buses very confusing. We just want our bus back."

Babs Coombes, Centro Black Country area manager, said: "We are trying to make it as easy as possible for people to get a connecting service to the hospital."

## Hundreds move home to avoid 'bedroom tax'

ALMOST 350 council tenants across Dudley borough have moved to smaller homes following the introduction of the controversial 'bedroom tax', new figures reveal.

There has been a rush by families to downsize in a bid to avoid a cut in housing benefits.

Since bedroom tax started in April 2013, a total of 349 tenants have requested a transfer. The figures also include older residents who have decided to downsize to a smaller home but are not affected by the tax.

Under welfare reforms, anyone in council or social rented housing faces a 14 per cent or 25 per cent cut in their housing benefit if they have one or more spare bedrooms - meaning families potentially paying hundreds of pounds extra a year in rent unless they move to a smaller home.

The bedroom tax is also known as under occupancy charge or the spare room subsidy.

Councillor Gaye Partridge, cabinet member for housing, said: "Since the introduction of the bedroom tax 18 months ago, a total of 349 council tenants have been able to move into smaller homes. Bedroom tax was introduced on April 1, 2013, and the figures run from then until September 30, 2014.

"It should be noted that not all transfers will have been as a result of the welfare reforms. For example, the figures will also include older people who are not

By Heather Large

subject to the bedroom tax but are moving to smaller, more manageable accommodation."

The bedroom tax has also been blamed for people falling behind on their rent payments. Figures released in August showed there were around 5,435 households in arrears across the borough and the total amount owed to the council was £1,405,690.

The council has been offering additional support to families struggling to make ends meet. There has also been increased demand for the council's mortgage advice service which has helped more than 350 people this year.

Figures released this year showed around 4,000 people on the waiting list for council properties in Dudley. Of these, 2,091 were hoping for a one-bedroom property and 1,420 for a two-bedroom with 584 seeking a three-bedroom or bigger property.

## Kidney charity shop appeal

RESIDENTS are invited to donate items for a charity event next week.

Dudley Kidney Patients Association is holding its latest appeal for donations on Thursday, October 30, between 7pm and 9pm at the charity's shop at 806 High Street, Kingswinford.

Call the shop on (01384) 401111 for further details of the sort of items needed.



Christopher Timothy with stray dog Liam at the new veterinary hospital in Hall Street

## Helping creatures — great and small

ACTOR Christopher Timothy, who famously played vet James Herriot, met creatures great and small when he opened a new veterinary hospital in Dudley.

The star, best known for hit television series *All Creatures Great and Small*, opened Black's new £500,000 centre in Dudley.

Big beasts came in the form of giant Irish wolfhounds but Christopher seemed to be particularly taken with tiny Liam, a cross-bred dog who was taken in as a stray earlier this week. "I like this little dog," said the 74-year-old actor, as he gave Liam a cuddle. He also donned a stethoscope and surgical gown to examine Barkley, an Alsatian, who has acted as a foster father to a litter of stray kittens.

He was joined by Mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston for the official launch of the new animal hospital.

Partner John O'Flynn said he had grown up with the TV series, which also starred Robert Hardy and Peter Davison.

The hospital in Hall Street extends the practice's existing surgery with four operating theatres, an X-ray room and new ultrasound scanning room.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

PROVING there is no subject too awful, too appalling or too globally life-threatening to laugh at, a reader says he was amused to read that air passengers tested for Ebola will "have their temperature taken at entry points." Let's see if we're still amused six months from now, eh?

MANY thanks to Daniela Liverani, 24, from Edinburgh who chose this week to volunteer the news that, having suffered from nosebleeds for some weeks, she finally discovered she had a three-inch leech living in one nostril. I think most of us would have kept that to ourselves.

MICHAEL McIntyre stormed off the stage when a woman persistently used her mobile phone. I sympathise, coming fresh from a birthday party where a hugely-talented couple performed a selection of blues and soul standards. They were excellent but 90 per cent of the guests simply ignored them, talking over the music and not even applauding at the end. The simple courtesies, such as the ability to shut our traps and listen, are fading fast.

SO what do drivers really make of "driver awareness" courses, offered as an alternative to penalty points on your licence? You can find plenty of drivers who sing their praises, but then their view may be tempered by thankfulness at keeping a clean licence. A dissident breaks ranks to tell me: "I attended one of these courses and all I got from it was pins and needles in my bum. It was a complete waste of time." He calculated that the fees paid by drivers at his session amounted to £2,000 per half day. The two men running the course insisted there was no profit, but he was not convinced.

I NOTE that during the Most Secret Trial in History (the one about an alleged plot against Tony and Cherie Blair, and I may already have said too much), it emerges that selected journalists will be allowed to attend the court hearings and take notes, but not report anything, at least not for the time being.



Their notebooks are solemnly locked away at the end of each day. As any hack can tell you, there is a grave danger in this, namely the very brief shelf-life of shorthand. Like so many fine products, shorthand goes off. An hour or so after you've scribbled it feverishly into your notebook at 120 words per minute, it makes perfect sense. Leave it for six months, however, and it mysteriously decays and turns into mere squiggles. The Most Secret Trial in History may end up being even more secret than anyone intended.

JAMES Lusted was born with dwarfism and stands just 3ft 7ins, two feet shorter than his fiancée Chloe Roberts. They are a familiar sight in their home city of Cardiff but the waitress in the local Harvester restaurant had never seen them before. So, in the best Harvester tradition, she seated the couple, gave Chloe a menu and picked up a kids' colouring book for the little chap. It was only when James spoke in his deep voice that she realised her mistake. She was embarrassed and Harvester are mortified. And the couple? Chloe and James think the whole incident was hilarious. It would have been so easy for them to be outraged and to demand payment for hurt, distress, loss of earnings, mood swings and the other usual pseudo-symptoms trotted out by compensation lawyers. Instead, they laugh it off. James, a motivational speaker and badminton star, says: "I am man enough to see the funny side. I would never take offence." Pity there are not more blokes like him. Little guy, big man.

WE have friends staying for a few days. Their kids, aged nine and 11, are prime examples of the wired generation, as familiar with tablets and smartphones as we were with conkers.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Man is found dead in the canal

A MAN from Pensnett was found dead in the canal days after he had been arrested and bailed by police, an inquest heard.

Anthony Gennard was found by passers-by in the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal at Kinver

The 45 year-old had suffered from depression but there were no known issues since 2009, Cannock Coroner's Court heard.

Emergency services were called after reports of a body in the canal on July 5.

He was found with bail paper documents from West Midlands Police.

### Submerged

A post mortem recorded showed Mr Gennard, of Blewitt Street, had been submerged at some point.

The inquest was told he had been

arrested and taken to Brierley Hill police station on July 3.

He was bailed the same day and it is believed that the single man, who lived with his brother, did not return home.

Family members who called the station were not informed about the developments and the case has since been referred to police professional standards.

Detective Sergeant Adrian Webb, from Staffordshire Police which investigated the death, said it was believed that he had suffered suicidal thoughts previously. But it is not known if he had those thoughts again or fell but third party involvement was ruled out.

Staffordshire coroner Andrew Haigh recorded a verdict of death due to being found drowned.

## THE leader of Dudley Council says plans to streamline director roles will help transform the borough from a 'sleeping giant'

Councillor David Sparks spoke after the council voted in favour of plans to reduce director roles at the council from 22 to 11, saving £1 million.

However the proposals will also see the remaining positions receive an increased salary of around £30,000 more per year, which many councillors were opposed to.

Councillor Sparks said major changes at the top would mean the council would have a better focus.

He said: "Dudley is larger than most cities in the UK and for too long it has been a sleeping giant. It is about time our voice was heard."

Five directors earning £104,604 per year, who are in charge of departments and report to the chief executive, will be replaced by three 'strategic' directors.

The new 'strategic' director for people' who manages children's services, adult social care, health and well being, will receive a salary between £122,500 and £130,000. Salaries for the other two positions — director of resources and transformation and director for the environment, economy and housing — will be around £117,000 and £127,000. Seventeen assistant directors, currently earning £70,049 a year, will be replaced by eight chief officers earning £89,000.

Speaking out against the

### By Charlie Benton

proposals, Conservative group leader Councillor Patrick Harley said: "When we have a council that pays some of its staff less than the minimum wage, when we have a council that employs a record amount of people of zero hours contracts, then now is not the time to reward those at the top of the pay scale."

Councillor Pete Lowe claimed UKIP's stance on the salary increase had changed. He said: "Councillor Ken Turner was previously clear in his stance as group leader and now with a new leader comes a new position. They are playing to popular opinion."

The current UKIP group Leader Councillor Paul Brothwood refuted the claim and said: "I want to underline that UKIP is totally opposed to the approved increases to fat cat salaries at Dudley Council. Our objections to these increases can be seen in previous committee meetings."

## Handy art goes on show

YOUNG people have put their 'hands up for hand washing' by taking part in a poster design competition.

In the run up to Infection Prevention Week, Dudley Council's office of public health gave school children the chance to design a poster to promote hand hygiene.

The competition is part of the 'hands up for hand washing' campaign which highlights the importance of washing hands to reduce the risk and spread of infection.

Almost 600 young people entered and the winning designs will be displayed across the borough in schools, libraries and supermarkets to promote hand hygiene.

## Pupils get their own bank



HSBC Schools Liason Manager Anne Lowe with pupils and staff at Belle Vue Primary School

PUPILS are busy counting their cash after a mini branch of a bank opened at their school.

The new HSBC at Belle Vue Primary School in Wordsley aims to teach youngsters how to look after their money.

They have been able to open bank accounts to save their pocket money and some of the children have been trained up to be bank tellers.

Pupils at the school in Lawnswood Road each have a savings box at the bank.

Deputy headteacher Claire Davis said: "It enables the children to manage their money, to start a life-long journey of becoming financially responsible."

Staff said there had been a good response to the project and the children had been 'very excited' about getting their own bank.

HSBC says schools around the country can set up an in-school bank, supported by their local branch of HSBC. It is run by the schoolchildren, who are trained by HSBC staff and supported in a number of roles.

# Absences at schools lower than ever now

THE number of youngsters skipping school in the Black Country has dropped to a record low following a Government crackdown on families taking holidays during term time.

The number of absences decreased across all four Black Country authorities. In Sandwell there were 925 fewer absentees, a drop of 1.1 per cent on the 2013 figure. In Dudley there was a 401 reduction, while in Walsall the numbers fell by 341.

Wolverhampton, which still has the highest rate of non-attendance in the region, saw a dip of 304 — a 1.1 per cent fall on last year's figure.

The figures include data for all state funded primary and secondary schools.

The Department for Education statistics also show the number of persistent absentees — pupils missing around 15 per cent of lesson — in schools across the Black Country and Staffordshire fell by 15 per cent in 2014, a drop of 2,001 on the previous year.

The drop is mirrored across the country, where pupils missed 35.7m school days in the 2013/14 autumn and spring terms, 4.2m less than the same period in the previous year.

## Working to save heath

WORK on a rare lowland heath will safeguard the ancient area and its wildlife.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has been clearing birch and oak scrub from an area of heathland on its Highgate Common Nature Reserve, near Kingswinford. The work carried out by staff and volunteers will encourage growth of heathland plants like bilberries.

The 326-acre reserve is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and widely regarded as one of the best places to spot insects, with more than 5,000 varieties recorded on site.

## Free alert service

TENANTS can sign up to an alert service by Dudley Council to keep them updated. The free service will automatically send information about upcoming tenant and resident meetings and council information. Sign up at [www.dudley.gov.uk/housingalerts](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/housingalerts)

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## Fewer on jobseeker allowance claim list

DUDLEY has seen another drop in the number of people looking for work in the borough.

Last month the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in Dudley fell by 139, to 6,510 or 3.4 per cent of the borough's working population. The country as a whole has seen the claimant rate fall to 2.8 per cent.

But that slight drop adds to much better news with 2,400 people coming off the claimant queues in Dudley over the past 12 months.

But Dudley North MP Ian Austin sees no room for complacency as he called for more apprentices, more further and higher education to give young people the skills to attract new businesses and new jobs to the Black Country.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said: "We need more apprenticeships, more people staying on at school or college and going to university because the only way we'll attract new industries and new jobs to replace the ones we've lost is by having the skills new businesses need."

The borough is also set to benefit from the creation of 65 jobs with the development of the new £6 million Premier Inn currently being built in Stourbridge.

## Glasgow link for brewers

A DIRECTOR of Bathams is to visit the Scottish amateur football ground that the Dudley brewery is sponsoring for the 2014-2015 season.

Matthew Batham will be watching Glasgow club Tannallon Victoria play at home in the Strathclyde Saturday Morning League on Saturday.

The club, known as The Tally Vie, has re-named its ground The Bathams after securing a sponsorship deal with the Brierley Hill brewery. The club badge now has the Black Country flag beside the Scottish saltire.

## It's real Al(e)

A WOODSETTON brewery's latest movie-themed ale is a homage to Al Pacino's 1983 film Scarface.

Scaryface, a 4.2 per cent brew, is being sold at all of Holden's Brewery's pubs during October. The pump clip features a caricature of Pacino.

# Friends aim to open Hippodrome in stages



Dudley Hippodrome — asbestos problem

CAMPAIGNERS hoping to save Dudley Hippodrome want to reopen the landmark building in phases.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome are to submit a business plan to Dudley Council aiming to bring the venue back into use. Group member Gaz Sawers said rooms surrounding the auditorium would be opened to community groups.

"We recognise the huge costs in modernising the venue to a standard it can be reopened, so we have come up with a phased opening," he said. "The first step would see the foyer and cafe opened, along with about

12 rooms to artistic community groups. This would help build funds to carry out the next step and renovate the auditorium.

"We're under no illusions over the size of the task but we believe it can be done."

Dudley Council set a deadline for the Friends, along with events company Events that Rok, to submit a business plan by the end of October. Jonathan Kendrick, from Events that Rok, wants to reopen the site as an entertainment venue.

Mr Sawers said they had not yet gained access to the site, even though the council is keen to make a final decision by the end of

the year over fears of further deterioration. Officers say around £400,000 would have to be spent on removing asbestos.

Regeneration boss Councillor Judy Foster said: "We have told the group repeatedly over the last several weeks that they can access the building subject to their agreement to wear suitable protective clothing and to be accompanied by the council asbestos consultant. So far they have failed to come back to confirm either a date or who they wish to bring."

The council had granted planning permission for the building to be demolished.

# More money to be spent on helping 'troubled' families

**TROUBLED families in Dudley will have extra cash spent on them to tackle problems such as anti-social behaviour and truancy.**

The council has been granted £2,000 per family to stop problems being passed from generation to generation. Around 2,500 families in the borough are set to benefit.

Dudley Council is one of only two authorities in the West

Midlands to be awarded more Government funding towards its 'troubled families' programme.

Around 750 families were offered help during the first two years of the scheme and now the authority has revealed that it hopes to support a further 2,500.

## Success for a positive art outlook

TWO artists from the Black Country have won a competition inspired by a mother who lost her daughter to depression.

Ann-Monique Stellinga, from Halesowen, and Sabrina Jones, from Dudley, were announced as winners of the Dawn Jones Art Prize last week.

The competition is run by Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust.

In its ninth year, the prize was set up by Maureen Jones in memory of her daughter, Dawn Jones, who committed suicide in 2005 at the age of 25 following a long battle with depression.

Sabrina said: "I really didn't think I was going to win. It was a great feeling, as it was something I never thought I'd achieve." Ann-Monique added: "A close friend's recent suicide hit me very hard, and I had about a year of depression. Fortunately, art has helped me find a positive outlook on life."

Maureen Jones, who was on the judging panel, said: "We had a great response."

## Violence

It will also reach out to families with a broader range of problems including those dealing with domestic violence to younger children who need help with a range of physical and mental health problems.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "The extra funding will allow more families in Dudley to benefit from the programme with further support for families affected by domestic violence and those suffering with a range of health problems."

"I would particularly like to thank the troubled families team and partner organisations who have worked tirelessly."

"As a result of Dudley's work, other councils across the country will potentially benefit from our early work in transforming the lives of families."

Also under the scheme, jobless people will be helped to find work and health issues such as teen pregnancies will be addressed.

## Developer promises to move rubbish



Councillor Paul Brothwood with the pile of furniture dumped on land off Bromley Lane, Kingswinford

OLD sofas, mattresses and discarded furniture — that's the sight that school pupils and residents in Kingswinford have had to put up with.

The unsightly pile of furniture was dumped on land off Bromley Lane, near Tesco Metro.

People living nearby have been calling on the council to clean up of the site opposite Crestwood School on the former site of the Fox and Goose pub.

Ward councillor Paul Brothwood has received calls from residents de-

manding action. It is not the first time this has happened, fly-tippers regularly target the site which is earmarked for a new housing development.

Councillor Brothwood said he has been looking to work with landowners to remove the mess.

Dudley Council's environment officers have been in talks with the developers who have agreed to remove the rubbish from the land.

Councillor Brothwood said: "This

has been horrible and an eyesore. There are a lot of elderly residents living around there who want something done about it."

"Initially it took the council a while to identify who owned the land. But then once that was done, the developer has agreed to remove the waste. I will continue to monitor this until it's gone."

Councillor Brothwood said he was assured work to redevelop the site was progressing.

## Visitor centre to open at foundry

A FOUNDRY is planning to open its new visitor centre next month. Family firm Thomas Dudley, in Birmingham New Road, has invested £50,000 to create the new facility which will enable school groups to see an iron foundry in action.

It will be called the John Dudley Foundry Visitor Centre after chairman John Dudley, 77, who will cut the ribbon to open it. Joint managing director Martin Dudley said: "It will let schoolchildren see what we do without any danger. There is a viewing gallery from which you can see the whole foundry."

## Pink cone day is boost for hospice

MORE than £1,000 has been raised for charity during a 'pink day' at a Stourbridge visitor attraction.

Staff at the Red House Glass Cone dressed in pink at the event. There was a tombola and pink cake on offer.

Councillor Hilary Bills said: "The Pink House Glass Cone event was a huge success with more than 350 people visiting over the weekend helping to raise £1,130 for Kemp Hospice in Kidderminster."

## Pools closing for maintenance work

THE pools at Tipton Leisure Centre will close for up to six weeks while maintenance work is carried out.

The 25-metre pool and learner pool will shut to the public on November 2.

The contractors, Willmott Dixon, say the work will take no longer than six weeks.

Some swimming sessions will take place at nearby ACE Academy.

## Tenants meet on high-rise issues

COUNCIL tenants who live in Dudley borough high-rise properties can discuss issues relating to their estates at a meeting.

It takes place on Tuesday, November 4, at Saltwells Education Centre, Bowling Green Road, Netherton. The session is 7pm to 8.30pm, refreshments served from 6.30pm. To attend call (01384) 815168.

## New fitness class

A FITNESS class has been launched in Stourbridge. Nigel's Waist Watchers will run every Wednesday night from 7.15pm for an hour at St Michael's Church Centre, Maynard Avenue, costing £3.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

SOMETIMES you wonder whether the top brass of public sector organisations such as the BBC have been infiltrated by some cutting-edge comedy act, whose role is to provide endless satirical material to make life as easy as possible for us columnists.

For example, how else could one explain the recent report that old Auntie Beeb has blown £200,000 of licence-payers' money teaching its staff how to use iPhones?

Straight away, MP Philip Davies, who has turned BBC-bashing into something of an art form, was presented with an open goal. Predictably, he was quick to remark that if BBC staff were so stupid that they couldn't use an iPhone, then the corporation should probably change its recruitment process. And who could argue with that?

Except that I wouldn't know how to operate an iPhone either. And not because I am stupid – although, many will argue that may well be the case – but simply because I have never had cause to use one of the devices, and nobody has ever shown me.

However, I would hazard a guess that they usually come with some form of instruction booklet, so you would not think it beyond the wit of most BBC professionals to be able to read those before embarking on a £200,000 training programme.

And when I needed to use an iPad for the first time, I devised a particularly cost-efficient training programme which I think the BBC could learn from. I asked a technically savvy colleague to show me what to do, simply.

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OF all the nations you might expect to come up with a solution to end all wars and bring everlasting world peace, I must concede that I never thought that the Russians and the Australians would figure highly.

But it looks like a spat between Australian premier Tony Abbott and Russia's Vladimir Putin has unwittingly come up with a way to resolve all future conflicts without armies ever having to take up arms against one another again.

London-born Abbott fired the opening salvo, saying he was going to 'shirt front' Putin over the shooting down of the M17 airliner, which claimed 38 Australian lives. Apparently, 'shirt-front' is Antipodean slang for charging a player in the chest in Aussie-ruled football, and is not considered sportsmanlike behaviour.

Anyway, not to be outdone, Putin has now reminded Abbott that while he might be good at cycling, it is the Russian leader who is the judo champion. Fight!

Wouldn't it be refreshing if, instead of sending thousands of young men to their deaths every time they had a disagreement, world leaders just settled their differences with a good old-fashioned fist fight, no innocent parties involved?



First World War pilot William Robinson Clarke



Gp Cpt Adolph Gysbert Malan and FS Vincent Bunting



Flight Lieutenant Trevor Edwards

# Unsung pilots who rose to challenge

October is Black History Month and KIMBERLEY CRAYTON-BROWN tells of the volunteers of war

**THEY are the little-known volunteers of war.**

Thousands of black men and women from Africa, the Caribbean and Britain stepping forward to defend Britain, her Empire, and the Commonwealth in two world wars.

Unable to enlist because of a colour bar, relaxed before the Great War but quietly reimposed when the war ended, their help was again called on in 1939.

And now, coinciding with Black History Month, an exhibition highlighting their vital war efforts is on display at the Royal Air Force Museum at Cosford, telling the stories of the Pilots of the Caribbean - Volunteers of African Heritage in the RAF.

## Diversity

Inspired by a photograph of two pilots posing with a Spitfire - one from Barbados, one from Trinidad - the exhibition highlights the air force's success in embracing diversity and 'demonstrates how the rich, cosmopolitan nature of modern Britain owes much to the black men and women who wore air force blue'.

Peter Devitt, assistant curator at the RAF Museum in London, said it all began in 2011 when they were asked to talk to a group of disadvantaged, black youngsters.

"It went very well until I showed them a picture of two black Spitfire pilots. It went deadly quiet – and then the atmosphere became totally electric. I was bombarded with questions. They wanted to know everything about these men. One young man looked me straight in the eye and said: 'Why haven't we heard this before?'"

Museum trustee Brendan Connor also



Flying Officer Arthur Weekes and Flight Sergeant Collins Joseph

recalled the reaction to the black Battle of Britain pilots: "They were completely bowled over, they had never seen it before.

"It was not part of their history and we suddenly realised that we hadn't told a story which needs to be told."

The photograph is the centrepiece of the exhibition, telling a story that started 100 years ago with display boards, photographs, video and memorabilia, and has been put together in partnership with the Black Cultural Archives.

Eve, 1944. Trained at Piarco, and a volunteer from Trinidad ETS, his Spitfire went missing at 1530 hours on December 31 during an air operation between Liege and Aachen.

The pair were two of many role models who played an integral part in the development of the air force, Peter Dye, director general of the Royal Air Force Museum, said: "From First World War pilot William Robinson Clarke, to the young volunteers of today, Afro-Caribbean men and women have played an integral part in the development of the Royal Air Force and the defence of our freedoms and liberties.

"In this exhibition, the Royal Air Force Museum aims to celebrate their contribution to the development of modern Britain, while providing all young people with a series of role models to inspire and guide them in realising their own ambitions and dreams."

## Numbers

As the volunteers were fully integrated into the service and their ethnic origin not entered on their personnel records, the exact number of black volunteers who have served in the RAF is unavailable.

It is estimated 6,000 volunteers from West Indies communities, such as Barbados and Jamaica, served in the RAF during the Second World War. Of those, about 400 were air crew, either in Bomber Command, Coastal Command, or Fighter Command - which saw the first black volunteers selected to train as fighter pilots in 1941. Bomber Command had four-fifths of African-Caribbean aircrew in active service.

Volunteers served with all UK-based RAF commands, with the exception of Transport Command, which visited countries intolerant of integrated crews.

Of the thousands of volunteers, about 150 were killed in training or combat operations. Over 100 were awarded gallantry medals.

## WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

IT is absolutely right that UKIP's Nigel Farage should be included in an ITV debate between party leaders in the run up to the General Election.

But so, too, it is correct for there to be a head to head on Sky and Channel 4 between David Cameron and Ed Miliband without Mr Farage or Liberal Democrat Nick Clegg present. The Tory and Labour leaders are the only ones who stand a chance of being Prime Minister next year.

The viewing public need be reminded of the real heads or tails choice they face in at least one of those debates.

What is particularly galling for some politicians is the plan of the BBC to hold a debate including Mr Clegg but excluding Mr Farage as well as the leaders of other parties, such as the Greens and Respect, all of whom like UKIP currently have at least one MP.

The Liberal Democrats are a busted flush, according to UKIP MEP Bill Etheridge. He said: "If anything, it should be the Lib Dems arguing to keep their place in the debates, not UKIP arguing to be given one."

He has a point. The Lib Dems lost their deposit in no fewer than seven by-elections since 2010. There are parts of the West Midlands where they did not even bother standing in council elections.

They might well be a party of government, but they have no more chance of winning a majority than any of the minor parties. As such, Nick Clegg deserves to be relegated to a debate with the minor parties.

Better still, he and Mr Farage should go head to head as the ones whose parties the opinion polls indicate are currently vying for third place.

There is every chance Nigel Farage could be as much of a kingmaker next year as Nick Clegg was in 2010.

What their parties demand in exchange for their support in the event of a hung Parliament could change the future of Britain.

IN Westminster, the Tories love to claim all the credit for the recent good news on unemployment. Yet their opposition leader on Wolverhampton City Council suggests there are not quite the reasons to be cheerful there should be.

Wendy Thompson is unhappy the city has the highest percentage of people claiming Jobseekers' Allowance and calls on the Labour council to do more, saying she does not want its recent business week to be dismissed as 'hot air'.

Councillor Thompson is to be congratulated for her willingness to speak truth to power, even if she ends up on the wrong side of her own party line. But if things do get better, something tells me David Cameron and George Osborne won't share credit with Labour-run Wolverhampton City Council.

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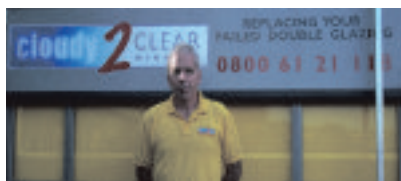
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## Were original bosses under-employed?

RE council directors wrangle. Councillors D Sparks, P Lowe and S Turner's defence of this proposal does raise further questions such as, are the existing management to be offered the opportunity to apply for these new positions and are those being axed being offered new positions. Will the original support teams and managers that the original council officers (directors/assistant directors) used still be in place?

Councillor Sparks states that to attract people to these jobs, substantial salaries need to be paid. So, will these new three

strategic directors and 17 assistant directors guarantee to cope with the work in the same time that a previous larger number of directors and their assistants required?

If so, then the original incumbents were under-employed and the council taxpayers did not receive value for money.

Who can say that will not happen again, especially if they are selected by the same interviewers that approved of the original incumbents?

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Brierley Hill

## Hospitals won't cope with Ebola

I HEAR on the news that certain hospitals are being geared up in case of an outbreak of Ebola in the UK.

With so many smaller hospitals being closed down in favour of super hospitals with fewer beds than those being closed, I wonder how this country will cope in the event of an outbreak.

Would this mean that general illnesses which should be treated by hospitalisation would not be able to be dealt with in hospital with the possible loss of life?

Is it not time that hospitals were staffed with more frontline troops at the expense of non-medical employees and the closure of many of the older hospitals stopped? The old hospitals can be renovated and put to good use. An example of this is the Queen Elizabeth where the old hospital has had to be brought back into use because of lack of space in the new hospital. What about Sandwell and City hospitals when the proposed Midland Metropolitan Hospital is up and running?

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Cradley Heath

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## Referendum is no answer over mosque

IN answer to the letter from Mr Etheridge MEP, I am undoubtedly one of the politicians he referred to as failing miserably to deal with the mosque issue in Hall Street.

I did not sit on any fence suggesting a shuffle away from real responsibility but dared put my head above the parapet and fully supported the vast majority of local voters without any question.

I also collected nearly 85,000 signatures, most at my own personal expense! For that I was rewarded with the loss of my political career, position within that party I represented after years of hard work building it from nothing and de-selection as their Parliamentary candidate having obtained

the highest number of votes in their own league table at the previous General Election.

I was not at all surprised to read your headlines regarding the two councillors Turner. I know what was endured by the two.

Hard work and maximum effort has got the giant unwanted edifice rejected to date and to even suggest a local referendum is a sign of spineless book passing.

Let's see if Labour will fall for a proper metropolitan area referendum or if they argue the case for the immediate area of the proposed development with the prospect of a Muslim vote of around 45 percent with the inevitable result.

MALCOLM DAVIS  
Dudley

## Odd number plate events

HAVE I missed a change in the law?

Motorcycles don't require front number plates, fair enough, but has anyone else noticed the number of cars driving around with the front number plate missing? They can usually be noticed lying flat on the dashboard against the wind screen, impossible to read.

The fact that most of the offenders are 'boy/girl racer' types leads me to think this is the latest in a string of things done to look cool, but why do these people never appear to get stopped?

I notice them all the time, even though it is really none of my business.

With number plate recognition being used more to check for insurance, tax and MOT, is this a way of avoiding detection?

R GWILLIAMS  
Brierley Hill

## Right to fine dog owner

I REFER to an article where a Quarry Bank man was initially handed an on-the-spot fine of £75 for allowing his dog to foul in a park in April. The person refused to pay and failed to attend the court. The court fined him in total in his absence more than £460.

Councillor Hillary Bills said: "This sends a clear message out that we will not tolerate people allowing the dogs to foul our parks and open spaces". I agree with the councillor's remarks, providing that we get the money from this person?

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## Parachute jump from new member

Kingswinford TWG

IN spite of heavy rain, the October meeting was a cheerful occasion.

In reading out the apologies for absence, chairman Enid Fennell said the newest member was absent as she was making a parachute jump.

Later, three members received flowers by way of congratulating them on their 50th wedding anniversaries. Happy Birthday was sung to Brenda Greenaway.

The Wednesday Club will visit Touchwood in November.

The other sections also announced their plans for the next few weeks.

Tickets for the community centre Annual Draw were on sale.

Sue Wilson was thanked for her floral display. Mavis and Doreen offered to wash up.

The speaker was Graham Fardon, who presented the ladies with a romp through history entitled 'History for Dummies'.

The subjects covered included Noah, Anne Boleyn, The Battle of Hastings and the Duke of Wellington. He was thanked by Joyce Major. June Baker won the raffle.

At the November meeting, and at the Lodge, a charity box will be provided so that those who wish to make donation instead of sending Christmas cards may do so.

The next meeting will be at Kingswinford Community Centre in High Street on Monday, November 10. Visitors are always welcome to attend.

# Shoeboxes packed up for Christmas

Trysull & Seisdon WI

## Ladies find peace in visit to convent

Sedgley TWG



Sedgley Townswomen enjoy the visit to the convent

A GROUP of members from Sedgley guild had a most interesting visit to St Mary's Convent Mercy Centre in Wandsworth, Birmingham. The convent was founded in 1841 by Catherine McCauley.

In the centre of the busy city, the members found peace and tranquillity at the beautiful building.

PAULINE Careless welcomed everyone to the October meeting. The entries going forward to the next group meeting competition are a painted wooden spoon done by Doreen Walker, and a bread pudding made by Freda Perks.

Everyone had brought shoeboxes and gifts to send to Operation Christmas Child.

First the ladies covered their boxes in wrapping paper then decided who they wanted the box to go to. They could choose a boy or girl, aged 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. The boxes were then packed with items such as toys, stationery, toothbrushes, soap, hats, gloves and jewellery.

Liz Gilson collected all the shoeboxes to take to the drop off point where they will be carefully checked before being flown out to needy children worldwide.

Jean Goode won the raffle. Next month Linda Jackson will be showing how to make a simple Christmas decoration.

The competition is a home-made Christmas item. The meeting is on November 13 at the Village Hall, Trysull.

## Pro Tempore trio entertains

Codsall Wood WI

THE September meeting was the Harvest Supper. The group invited other WIs and the room was packed. Everyone enjoyed a super meal, provided by the committee, followed by home-made trifle.

The ladies were entertained by Pro Tempore, a trio of Emmi, Mick and Alun.

Mick and Alun were accomplished on a number of instruments, from electric guitar to saxophone and Emmi had a super voice. A

selection of numbers were played, and most of them were known to the ladies, so everyone joined in.

Mick also writes some of his own songs, and they sang one of them. They were given a standing ovation at the end of a thoroughly memorable evening.

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# 'Moonwalk' antics by witness halts court case

A MAN convicted of killing his girlfriend in Crete has been cleared of attacking a man in a pub after a witness was filmed doing a Michael Jackson 'moonwalk' while waiting to give evidence.

Luke Walker, who is appealing his conviction of killing his girlfriend Chelsea Hyndman in Crete, stood trial last week with friend Luke Seeley over the alleged incident at Tenth Lock pub in Brierley Hill. But on the third day of the trial the case against the pair dramatically collapsed after a video of the witness doing the dance was spotted on Facebook.

The footage, which was filmed and uploaded by another witness involved in the case, showed the man wearing a glove and holding his groin while doing the dance.

The Crown Prosecution Service said the witnesses' action undermined the case.

In court, no further evidence was offered and Judge John Warner directed not guilty verdicts from the jury.

Mr Warner told the witnesses involved in the pub episode: "You are liable to prosecution for a criminal offence or contempt of court. That decision has not yet been made but you will have to come back to the court. I would advise you to seek legal advice."

One of the witnesses said the film had been made because they were bored. He said: "I filmed him as he did the Moondance. He was holding his groin and we were both laughing. There were 17 conversations about the film on Facebook."

"I did not know I was not allowed to do it. It was a joke."

The witness who was filmed dancing also said it had been a joke.

Walker, aged 26, of Gayfield Avenue, and Seeley, 26, of Channon Drive, both Brierley Hill, had been accused of at-



**'Massive relief' — Luke Walker outside Wolverhampton Crown Court** tacking an 18-year-old in the men's toilet of the pub on November 9 last year.

The jury heard from three prosecution witnesses, including the alleged victim. He claimed he was set upon by the pair after walking into the pub toilets with two friends. He was taken to hospital, where the jury heard he was treated for a gash to his forehead.

Both Seeley and Walker denied the charge, claiming they had been acting in self-defence. But before evidence could be brought forward by the defence, the case was dropped and placed on file.

Walker is currently on bail after he was convicted of causing grievous bod-



**Chelsea Hyndman, 20, was killed on the Greek holiday island of Crete**

ily harm to 20-year-old Chelsea Hyndman, leading to her death in Crete four years ago. He was sentenced to eight years in prison but the sentence was suspended pending the appeal.

Walker described the decision to drop the case as a 'massive relief'.

A spokesman from West Midlands Crown Prosecution Service said: "As a result of significant inconsistencies in the evidence given to the court by the three key witnesses at the trial of Luke Walker and Luke Seeley, combined with their conduct in the witness waiting room which gave the impression that they were not taking the trial process seriously, the prosecution team reviewed the case."

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# Conservatives planning to deliver real change in EU

## THE WAY I SEE IT

**Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views**



*'People feel the EU is heading in a direction we never signed up to, that...we have lost control of our own affairs'*

LAST Friday I was in the House of Commons to vote for Bob Neill MP's European Union Referendum Bill at second reading.

Three of the four MPs in the Dudley borough voted to trust the people — myself, Margot James MP in Stourbridge and James Morris MP in Halesowen and Rowley Regis.

People feel the EU is heading in a direction we never signed up to, that it's costing British taxpayers too much and we have lost control of our own affairs.

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Labour and the Liberal Democrats will not deliver this referendum, UKIP cannot. Only a strong, stable Conservative majority Government can deliver this chance for the British people to have their say.

The Prime Minister made clear in his party conference speech in Birmingham that he would act on the issue of European immigration.

As the PM said in his conference speech: "We know the bigger issue today is migration from within the EU. Numbers that have increased faster than we in this country wanted... at a level that was too much for our communities, for our labour markets. All of this has to change and it will be at the very heart of my renegotiation strategy for Europe."

I welcome new official figures showing that 792 fewer people are claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in Dudley South since 2010, a 31

per cent drop. This means more people in work, with the security of a regular pay packet and a brighter future.

People are moving off benefits and into work across the West Midlands, with 83,000 more people in work compared to the last election. Across Britain unemployment has fallen by its largest annual amount since records began — falling below two million for the first time since 2008.

The figures also confirmed that next year the basic state pension will rise by 2.5 per cent, faster than inflation and earnings, because of the Conservatives' triple lock. The £148 rise will help ensure financial se-

curity for older people who have worked hard all their lives. Since 2010 the basic state pension has risen by £800.

These figures are great news, confirming not only that 792 fewer people in Dudley South are relying on benefits since 2010, but also that the state pension will rise by £148 next year — faster than earnings or inflation. This means a brighter, more secure future for people in Dudley and the Black Country who want to work hard and get on, as well as for those who've spent their whole lives doing so.

This has happened because of our action in Government, backing local businesses like local shop-fitting firm Point 8 to create jobs with our long-term economic plan, reforming welfare, and introducing the pensions triple lock to ensure that people who have worked hard all their lives are properly rewarded.

As these figures show, that plan is working, delivering an above inflation rise in the state pension and getting us closer to our target for full employment. This means greater financial security for hardworking taxpayers and their families in Dudley and the Black Country, who can look forward to the future with greater peace of mind.

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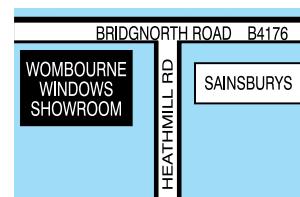
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# Alcoholic, 34, punched and spat at face of his mother

## Councils and police take on the car cruisers

### New arrivals at zoo as lemur twins are born



Two's company — Phoebe the ring-tailed lemur with newborn twins Icarus and Kinich at Dudley Zoo

SNUGGLED up to their mother are ring-tailed lemur twins, Icarus and Kinich. The two-month-old males have been named by primate keepers at Dudley Zoo after an ancient Greek legend and a Mayan sun god.

They were born on August 21, and can be found in the lemur enclosure in the zoo's small primate house alongside their mother, Phoebe.

Upper Primates Keeper Sam Grove said: "The babies are doing well and are already starting to leave mum and explore their new surroundings for themselves."

The name ring-tailed is derived from the characteristically black and white ringed tail which the highly social animals use for signalling to each other. They live in groups of up to 30 individuals in which females are dominant.

Lemurs, are unique to Madagascar and are primates that evolved quite differently from monkeys and apes when Madagascar split from the African continent millions of years ago.

## No to 'Greater Birmingham' authority idea

AN MP has warned against the creation of a Greater Birmingham council, saying the Black Country would lose its identity.

Wolverhampton South West MP Paul Uppal welcomed proposed extra powers for cities but hit out against a Greater Birmingham authority.

The debate in the House of Commons came after more powers were promised to Scotland during the independence referendum campaign.

The Conservative MP told Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg: "I welcome the fact that we will devolve more powers to cities and to the West Midlands in particu-

lar. Will my right honourable friend be mindful of the fact that the character of the constituency that I represent and the city of Wolverhampton do not wish to be consumed by or subsumed in a Greater Birmingham authority?"

Mr Clegg replied: "Working collaboratively across the West Midlands is the best way to draw on the strengths of the region.

"That can be done effectively, while retaining local identity, through the partnership between Greater Birmingham, Solihull, the Black Country and other places in the West Midlands."

### AN alcoholic has been jailed for a 'disgraceful' attack on his mother in her own home.

John Ward, of Wood Street, Kidderminster, threatened to cause his 53-year-old mother Beverley Ward 'a slow and painful death' in the unprovoked attack in Amblecote on August 18.

The 34-year-old punched his mother in the face, spat at her, threw garden furniture at her and dragged her around the house by her hair, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said when Mrs Ward collected her son from his home he appeared to have been drinking.

He said: "At around 6.30pm they went to a nearby pub but had to leave after the defendant made inappropriate comments.

"When they returned he went to purchase more alcohol and his aggressive behaviour increased. They were

By Adam Thompson

in the back garden and with no prior warning he pushed her into a chair.

"He pushed her and asked if she was scared when she replied 'yes' he said 'good, I'm in charge now'. The defendant picked up garden furniture and threw it at Mrs Ward hitting her on the arm. She pleaded with him to stop.

"He then spat at her face and punched her to the left eye and kicked her in the leg. The defendant then said 'you know I'm going to kill you tonight'. "He said it would be a 'slow and painful death'."

The attack on the Mrs Ward only stopped when a family member saw Ward assaulting his mother and police were called.

Ward had to be tasered by police and due to his alcohol consumption he was taken to hospital, where he con-

tinued to be abusive and kicked at a police officer.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending, offered no excuses for Ward. He said: "It's hard to imagine a more unpleasant case. Mr Ward realises just how disgraceful his conduct was. This was an attack on the woman who brought him into the world. "His only mitigation was that he was man enough to plead guilty."

Ward admitted a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm and assault on a police constable.

He had been convicted in February for criminal damage when he was given a 12 week sentence suspended for 12 months. Ward admitted the breach and in total was jailed for 21 months.

He told the judge: "For 15 years I've been battling alcoholism. I've been around the country doing all manner of work and I've lost it all and it's all down to me."

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# Fun-loving teacher who influenced many pupils

A TEACHER who worked in Dudley and Stourbridge schools, as well as in Switzerland and Nigeria, has died aged 81.

Barbara Jew, of Whittington Road, Norton, was much loved by her pupils at Wollescote Primary and Rufford Primary Schools, both Stourbridge, and at Highgate Primary, Holly Hall, where she was deputy head.

She had a great love of poetry and music and led her young students on many successful expeditions to festivals for performing arts. She also played roles in several plays staged at Stourbridge Town Hall.

## African

Born in Netherton to Ted and Eva Lucas, she attended Dudley Girls High School and qualified at teacher training college in Leeds. She went to work at a finishing school in Switzerland, where she taught in fluent German to young ladies among them, princesses and the daughters of millionaires and aristocrats from across the world.

She married Bob Jew, from Halesowen, and joined her husband in Nigeria, where he was a cocoa bean buyer for Rowntree Fry & Cadbury. They were living in the African 'bush' when she became pregnant with their first child, Louise, born in 1957. "She was a very brave lady, it must have been so scary for a young mum-to-be miles from anywhere in the African bush," said Louise, a journalist.

Barbara returned to England to have her second child, Nigel, who was born in Sedgley in 1958. The family moved back to Nigeria in 1962, spending two years in the towns of Warri and Aba. She taught in several African schools and in the afternoons would teach European children, including Louise and Nigel, on the veranda at her home.

Returning to Stourbridge, Barbara



**Sense of fun - deputy head Barbara Jew on roller skates at Highgate Primary** worked first at Wollescote Primary, then at Rufford Primary and finally at Highgate Primary, before retiring in her mid 50s. Barbara had a great sense of fun and, when she mentioned to her class at Highgate that she needed roller skates because the corridors between classrooms were so long, one of the pupils presented her with a pair.

She and Bob, 84, had been married for 58 years and have four grandchildren — Luke, doing his doctorate in astro physics at Oriel College, Oxford, Eva, studying illustration at Brighton,

Joe, a hairdresser, and Danny, studying maths at Leeds University. Son Nigel, aged 57, who is a business coach, said: "We know that our mum had a wonderfully nurturing influence on the lives of the hundreds of young people she taught."

Barbara died at Russells Hall Hospital on October 10. A celebration of her life will be held at Stourbridge Crematorium on October 31 at 11.40am, when family and friends are invited to wear a flower and dress in their Sunday best of any colour.

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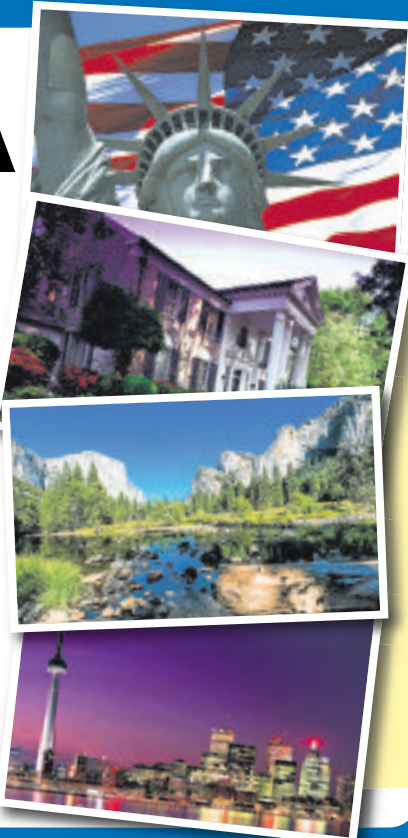
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# Oliver left the audience calling for more please



The cast of South Staffs Musical Theatre Company's production with 10-year-old James Shaw as Oliver Shee and musical director Phil James. Oliver! Wolverhampton Grand It was not just Oliver Twist left wanting more when South Staffs Musical Theatre Company presented this rollicking production of one of Britain's best loved musicals. Lionel Bart's retelling of Charles Dickens' story about Victorian London low-lives was given full justice by an amateur company whose ability matched their ambition and enthusiasm for the show. Often non-professional productions are hampered by the variable quality of performances but not this one. This was an ensemble effort in which everyone emerged with credit, particularly director and choreographer Maria Sykes with serious anger management issues, his assaults on Nancy so brutal that one wondered if one should leap to her aid with an intervention. Perhaps he was upset that his dog Bullseye was such a scene stealer, timing his barks for maximum impact. Fine comic support came from Alf Rai as Mr Bumble paired with Veronica Bould's waspish Widow Corney, John Wiley and Sheila Wood as the gloomy Sowerberrys, and Greg Yates in a lovely cameo as the pompous Dr Grimwig. Roger Stokes was a dependable Mr Brownlow and Mike Thomas teased poignancy as well as comedy out of the role of Fagin. SSMTC are going to have to pull out all the stops to top this with their next production.

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Troops making their way over the Riqueval Bridge during the battle

# Lecturer tells how the war was won by Staffordshire Brigade

It was a key moment in the lead-up to victory in the First World War, according to the Allied Commander-in-Chief and 'the blow from which there could be no German recovery'.

And it was delivered by thousands of Staffordshire soldiers who had previously only been trusted with routine operations. The 137 (Staffordshire) Brigade's heroics in breaking the Hindenburg Line at Bellenglise, France is often overlooked. Now a military expert is attempting to redress the balance to make sure the soldiers get the recognition they deserve.

Troops needed to get across the St Quentin Canal, which at some points was 6ft deep but also had thick mud in sections that had begun to dry out.

By capturing the bridge, they could push back the German line to the point where they had no room for manoeuvre. But they were hampered by dense fog and fierce enemy attacks. Last week, Dr John Bourne,

## MEMORY LANE

By Adam Burling

from Burslem held a lecture entitled 'How Staffordshire Won the First World War' at the university campus in Stafford.

He is a vice-president of the Western Front Association, a member of the British Commission for Military History and a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and he ranks the achievements of the Brigade as among the greatest in modern military history.

In the years before the First World War Staffordshire showed staunch support for the recently-created Territorial Force.

The first TF division to deploy to France, 137 Brigade suffered cruelly in the attack on the Hohenzollern Redoubt on October 13, 1915, which was the worst day of the war for casualties in Staffordshire, and again at Gommecourt on July 1, 1916.

But on September 29 the Brigade broke the Hindenburg Line at Bellenglise, which

was where the German army had retreated to. Dr Bourne says it was 'one of the most spectacular feats of arms on the Western Front'.

It was described by Marshal Foch, the Allied Commander-in-Chief, as the 'blow from which there could be no German recovery'.

The Brigade had 4,000 men at full strength but the influenza pandemic had hit numbers.

Dr Bourne said: "The Hindenburg Line was not really a line at all, it was a dense position full of barbed wire, machine gun nests, drop out points and bunkers, with masses of artillery."

"The division had to cross the Riqueval Bridge at St Quentin and they had a pretty bad time of it."

"They had very little powerful artillery and there was thick fog. The vast majority of the men could not swim so they got across the water by suspending a chain across and swinging from it. But the bridge was the best way to get across, though it was being strongly defended."

A key element was the capture of the Riqueval Bridge by a group led by Captain Humphrey Charlton, a Kings Bromley vicar's son. He had joined the Veterinary Corps, was called up to join the conflict in 1915 and led an inspiring against the odds victory.

The Brigade's most famous leader was Brigadier General John Vaughan Campbell, who was later awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions during the Battle of the Somme in 1916 when he rallied his men and led them against the enemy machine-guns, capturing the guns and killing the personnel.

Aged 40 at the time, an image of him addressing thousands of troops from the Riqueval Bridge shows the sheer scale of the operation.

The Brigade prevented the German troops blowing up the bridge by bringing down the rows of men showering them in a hail of machine gun fire. It meant they could cross the bridge and push the German army even further back.



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Crafted especially for Cake International Birmingham, the Cake Grotto will be a staggering 10ft long Christmas extravaganza complete with edible rocking horses and reindeer.

Sponsored by the Birmingham-based cake board company, Dummies Direct, the Grotto will be a delight to behold for children and adults alike.

And there is another chance to experience the magic of Christmas next month at the Crafts for Christmas and Hobbycrafts at the NEC, Birmingham from November 6-9. The popular festive show offers a treasure trove of gifts and treats. From jewellery to board games, handcrafted toys to decorations, the Christmas offering is endless.

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Lots of Christmas craft ideas

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## It's more Lady Blah-Blah than Gaga

**Lady Gaga, NIA, Birmingham**  
LADY Gaga gets the applause from her Little Monsters, as she calls her fans, but her spectacular two-hour show lacked momentum.  
This is partly because Gaga likes to jaw jaw. Her homilies on creativity, self-belief and equality turn into sermons. Surely she must know she is preaching to the converted.  
I wonder how many in the audience would have preferred to have heard

Judas performed in full, rather than blended into Aura, or a complete The Edge of Glory, rather than the snippet we got. However. Just Dance, Poker Face and Bad Romance were fantastic.  
Gaga's outfits included a mermaid bikini, a cross between a Dalmatian and an octopus, a girl out of a Japanese comic and, in homage to Cher as she covered Bang Bang, a curly brown wig and red leather jacket. Often she was wearing a lot less.

She wrapped herself in a Union Flag thrown on stage by a fan and at the piano Lady showed her vocal power with a stunning performance of the ballad Dope. She read out an emotional letter from a fan called Jason before bringing him and his boyfriend on stage to serenade them with a slow version of Born This Way. Moments for Little Monsters to treasure. Lady Gaga is back at the NIA on November 13.  
**Leon Burakowski**

## Lakeman whips up the energy

**Seth Lakeman**  
**Town Hall, Birmingham**  
IF you want someone to whip a crowd into a frenzy using horsehair then Seth Lakeman is your man.  
The Devonshire singer's Word of Mouth tour arrived in the second city with the thumping track, The Courier.

Straight away Lakeman showed his signature style of hammering his fiddle like a scout frantically trying to start a fire using two sticks.

This set the pace for most of the night which was, apart from a few slow ones in King & Country, Shores of Normandy and Portrait of My Wife - which he did as a duet with Lisbee Stainton, high energy and full of musical enthusiasm.

The audience were itching to get out of their seats and with The Colliers Lakeman finally let them off the leash and there was dancing in the aisles.

Lakeman went out as his came in with all guns blazing with Kitty Jay and Blood Upon Copper even throwing support act Kim Churchill into the mix.

**Danny Farragher**

## REVIEWS



Michael Legge as George and Benjamin Dilloway as Lennie

## 1930s tragedy that still packs a punch

**Of Mice And Men, Birmingham Rep**  
JOHN Steinbeck's tragic tale of broken dreams in 1930s rural America still packs a punch in this stark and brutally effective production at The Rep.

The story is based on the relationship between a pair of migrant agricultural workers. Fast-talking dreamer George looks after his slow-witted but strong companion Lennie, as their latest casual job on a Californian ranch leads to an apparently inevitable calamity due to Lennie's uncontrollable urge for affection.

Director Roxana Silbert's production doesn't shy away from the casual racism and sexism prevalent in that time and place, including frequent use of the 'n' word. The bleakness of the situation is represented by Liz Ascroft's desolate set.

The cast bring out the dark humour in Of Mice And Men, as well as the heartache. Michael Legge superbly portrays a man having his hopes crushed as George, whilst Benjamin Dilloway is hugely sympathetic as child-like Lennie.

Of Mice And Men continues until November 1. **LB**

## The bawdy boys' songs of sailors

**Fisherman's Friends Town Hall, Birmingham**  
THERE are no frills, no light shows, no smoke machines in fact very little in terms of a stage show at all, it's simply about the voices of the eight ordinary blokes from Port Isaac.

They did pretty much what they do most Friday nights in their native fishing village during summer, stand around and sing traditional songs and sea shanties with the occasional bit of banter mostly from front-man John Cleave.

This was the band's third time in the Second City and they kicked off with a very bawdy tale based loosely on the famous shanty, Blow the Man Down.

As individuals their voices aren't particularly outstanding but then when they harmonise as a group you get the real point of Fisherman's Friends.

Their rather theatrical rendition of Coast of High Barbary, a tale of spooks and ghost ships was a real treat. Their act is good, honest and down to earth and great to listen to.

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# Teen twins are on the ball for scholarships

**TWINS** Laura and Rebecca Tildesley are combining their love of netball with a degree after securing sports scholarships.

The sisters, from Tipton, who both play at regional level for West Midlands Warriors, as well as for Dudley Leisure Netball Club, have joined a group of elite athletes at the University of Worcester.

The students receive additional support to nurture their sporting talent and combine it with their academic studies. The pair, who are 18, joined the university last month after completing their A-levels. Laura studied at Ace Academy in Tipton while Rebecca attended Birmingham Metropolitan College in Stourbridge.

Laura is now studying for a degree in sports studies, while Rebecca is studying sports therapy.

Laura said: "We have been involved in netball since we were really young as our mom plays. We wanted to go to a university where we could continue with our netball and get our degree and Worcester was the best option for us."

The University of Worcester has a top-flight netball programme and for the past two years has hosted the national Netball Superleague finals at the University of Worcester Arena.

Last year the University women's first and second netball teams were undefeated, with the first team securing promotion to division 1A and the second team promoted to division 4A.

Rebecca said: "We are really happy to be studying at Worcester and are looking forward to all the extra support we will get as part of the scholarship." University of Worcester Director of Netball, Sheli Morgan, said: "I am really delighted to welcome Laura and Becky to our squad."



Laura and Rebecca Tildesley, from Tipton, who are top netball players

## All-weather pitch for uni

A NEW £250,000 floodlit all-weather pitch is to be created at a university complex on the border of Walsall and Sandwell.

The Aston University sports site in Birmingham Road has received funding from Sport England to complete the project.

It will replace the synthetic pitch which has suffered from drainage and flooding problems and will be open to students and the community.

Work is due to start next spring for

completion by the summer, subject to planning approval.

Director of Sport, Mike Kirkman, said: "We recognise that we have an important role to play in encouraging students to live healthy, active lifestyles and to continue playing sport during their period of academic study."

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## MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

ily-loaded tram to Upper Green. In any case, the bottom of the Rock was where Wolverhampton ended, Smestow Brook being the border with Tettenhall Urban District Council.

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When Wolverhampton's own Transport Department was absorbed in the new West Midlands network, the route to Tettenhall lost its No 1 status for a while, becoming the No 501.

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## City will feel sting of sharp Steel

EXPECT jibes at Wolverhampton's expense when sharp-witted Mark Steel's Back in Town, recreating his radio show which bases his material on the town he is visiting. You can find out if Mark has done his research well when he appears at the Wulfrun Hall tonight (Thursday).

Also tonight, poet and satirist John Cooper Clarke is at Birmingham Town Hall. On Sunday Jamaican comedy legend Oliver Samuels is in play Dollyhouse at the New Alexandra Theatre and Jon Richardson's Nidiot show is at Birmingham Hippodrome. On Friday, October 31, it's between Noel Fielding's surreal ramblings at Wolverhampton Civic Hall and Ross Noble's Tangentman at the New Alex.

## From a big truck to songs as the Big O

A SINGER from Halesowen has become one of the top tribute acts to rock and roll legend Roy Orbison.

Barry Steele first found his talent for emulating 'the Big O' on a holiday in Cornwall 13 years ago when his family entered him in a singing competition. A fellow competitor said that his version of Robbie Williams hit Angels sounded like it was being sung by the late American hitmaker Roy Orbison.

That comment led to a new career for the former truck driver who now tours in show Roy Orbison and Friends. He is at the Wulfrun Hall on October 31 and at the New Alexandra Theatre on November 29.

# Peter swings back into action for his Symphony Hall concert

## Head for hoedown with Hall

GRUMPY American comedian Rich Hall is bringing his musical mates for a hoedown mash-up of music and comedy in Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Deadpan Hall was an inspiration for Matt Groening when creating bartender character Moe Szyslak in The Simpsons and is a familiar face on British TV. He has performed at comedy clubs across the world and is known in the United States for appearing and writing on The David Letterman Show.

In the UK he has appeared on Have I Got News For You, Never Mind The Buzzcocks and QI, as well as his own TV documentaries How the West Was Lost, Rich Hall's Cattle Drive, Rich Hall's Election Special and Rich Hall's Fishing Show.

Rich Hall's Hoedown comes to the Wulfrun Hall on Thursday, October 30, and Birmingham Glee Club on Monday, November 3.



Long train coming — grouchy comic and musician Rich Hall is West Midlands bound

## TV celebrity and singer Peter Andre has launched his first UK tour for two years, after releasing his swing album Big Night.

He returns to Birmingham for a concert at the Symphony Hall on Saturday where he promises to combine elements from big band swing and soul.

He will not be neglecting the song that brought him fame, Mysterious Girl will be performed alongside songs from his previous albums Revelation and Accelerate. Let's just hope he can include Insania too!

The 41-year-old Anglo/Aussie/Cypriot entertainer, who is currently planning his marriage to 23-year-old trainee doctor Emily MacDonagh after the birth of their daughter Amelia, is now as famous for his reality TV show as his music. He also presents 60 Minute Makeover on ITV and has added a new string to his bow by designing fragrances.

Tonight (Thursday) legendary Stax and Blues Brothers guitarist Steve Cropper is at the Robin 2 in Bilston. Tomorrow singer-songwriter Dave Giles is at the O2 Academy in Birmingham, whilst nearby Digbeth's The Institute hosts two plum gigs in its rooms with New Jersey's Real Estate performing songs from their excellent Atlas album and St Vincent (alias American singer-songwriter Annie Clark) performing her quirky pop.

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Joan Armatrading brings Love & Affection to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Sunday, same night Irish folk duo Leo & Ant to play the city's Slade Rooms. One of the biggest new stars of 2014 Sam Smith has a sold out gig at the O2 Academy on Monday, as Jungle play The Institute. Singer and soap star Heather Peace is at Birmingham Town Hall on Tuesday and Yorkshire singer John Newman, who updated Northern Soul with Love Me Again, is at Wolverhampton Civic on Wednesday.



Big Night — Peter Andre

## Grand time to be a country music fan

IT'S a grand time for country fans. The Grand Union Songwriters' showcase features three acts with Texan rising star SaraBeth on a bill which also features Essex-born Nashville-based Glen Mitchell and blues influenced Lancashire lass Jess Roberts. It is being held at Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Tuesday. British country veteran Charlie Landsborough is at the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, Wednesday.

Next month Push For The Stride sisters Catherine and Lizzy Ward Thomas are in a double bill with The Shires at Birmingham Glee Club on November 4. More singing siblings, from a famous Birmingham family, The Cadbury Sisters bring harmonies to the Glee tonight.

## Folk harmony and dust bowl ballads

IF you want to hear some heavenly harmonies then don't miss The Staves on Sunday when they play The Institute's Temple venue, Birmingham. The trio have a new EP out called Blood I Bled. The show starts at 7pm.

Liverpudlian singer, activist and Woody Guthrie fanatic Alun Parry will be playing Unicorn Folk Club in the function room of The Bradford Arms, Ivetsy Bank, Wheaton Aston, tomorrow (Friday). The show starts at 8.30pm and tickets are £4.

The Old Dance School will be bringing their sound to Red Lion Folk Club, King's Heath, Birmingham on Wednesday 7.45pm.



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CHOICE



Tony Robinson

**Walking Through History: Bronte Country (Channel 4, 8pm)**  
Tony Robinson has spent three series of this programme rambling through some of Britain's most extraordinary landscapes. In fact, he's covered so many miles, it's a wonder there are any places he hasn't been. Nevertheless, the actor-turned-presenter must have been scouring his Ordnance Survey maps closely, because he's back with another bunch of epic treks, beginning with one that takes in the dramatic moors and valleys of West Yorkshire. It's the area that inspired such amazing pieces of literature as the Bronte sisters' Wuthering Heights and Jane Eyre, and Tony does indeed follow in their footsteps by visiting their birthplace in Thornton and their old home at the parsonage in the village of Haworth.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Rugby League: Four Nations Highlights. **2.30** Bargain Hunt. **3.30** Escape to the Country. **4.00** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities. **6.30** **Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present another round of pole-clubby ballroom action as the celebrity hoofers who upset the judges in earlier editions try to do better – and hope to avoid the same fate as last week's eliminated couple – while those who have shown early promise aim to climb further up the leaderboard. Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell are the ones to impress as the hopefuls perform a mixture of routines. **8.20** **Doctor Who.** One morning, the human race wakes up to find the planet has been invaded by its own trees, as overnight a forest has grown everywhere and taken back the Earth. The people are stunned but the Doctor knows more – this bizarre stranglehold of vegetation means the final days of humanity have finally arrived. Peter Capaldi stars in an episode scripted by Frank Cottrell Boyce, the writer of movies including 24 Hour Party People and The Railway Man. **9.05** **Casualty.** Connie has a complaint made against her, while Dixie continues to rage about Jeff – causing ripples through the department and a confrontation with Ash, who still feels guilty about his colleague's death. Lofty treats a boy who is sick of being stopped and searched, and Zoe makes a welcome return – and brings an extra surprise with her. **9.55** **The National Lottery Live.** **10.05** BBC News: Weather. **10.25** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including West Ham United v Manchester City at Upton Park and Liverpool v Hull City at Anfield; National Lottery Update. **11.45** **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship. **1.05** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.30** Rugby League: Four Nations. **9.00** The Stairs of Life. (R) **9.50** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **10.40** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **11.30** Map Man. (R) **12.00** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.30** Film: That's Entertainment! (1974) Compilation of highlights from MGM musicals, starring Frank Sinatra. **2.35** Film: Silk Stockings. (1957) Musical, starring Fred Astaire. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.30** The £100K House: Tricks of the Trade. (R) **6.30** **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don provides hints and tips for seasonal tasks to be getting on with in the garden as the days become shorter. Carol Klein visits Dan and Dominique for the very last time. (R) **7.00** **Restoring England's Heritage.** Louise Minchin investigates the historic buildings at risk in the North West, and asks whether it is too late to save some of the region's finest properties from ruin. **7.30** **Swallowed by the Sea – Ancient Egypt's Greatest Lost City.** A team of maritime archaeologists investigates the remains of the lost city of Heracleion, which sank into the Mediterranean around 1,200 years ago and was rediscovered in 2000. (R) **8.30** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring finds a German pilot trapped on top of the town clock by his parachute, so the platoon attempts a rescue mission. Classic comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R) **9.00** **QI XL.** Josh Widdicombe, Sue Perkins and Frank Skinner join Alan Davies in an extended edition of the quiz as host Stephen Fry asks a range of questions about levity, levitation and lights. **9.45** **Dylan Thomas: A Poet in New York.** Tom Hollander stars in this drama charting the poet's final days. In 1953 Dylan Thomas went to New York for the last time, his marriage a wreck and his drinking out of control. He was on his way to meet Stravinsky and to bask in New York acclaim – but what was he escaping and how did the intended triumph become a requiem? (R) **11.00** Film: **The Accidental Husband.** (2008) Romantic comedy, with Uma Thurman and Colin Firth. **12.25** TOTP2. (R) **1.25** Film: Kicks. (2009) **1.45** (GMT) This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.10** Animals. (R) **7.20** Sooty Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** The Munch Box. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. (R) **11.30** ITV News: Weather. (R) **12.30** Surprise Surprise. (R) **1.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.15** Doc Martin. (R) **3.15** Tipping Point. (R) **4.20** Film: Jurassic Park III. (2001) Action adventure sequel, starring Sam Neill. **6.00** **Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.15** ITV News: Weather. **6.30** **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring home-made bombs, an emu stealing a smartphone, and tips on how not to trim a tree. **7.00** **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Football presenter Adrian Chiles, Hollyoaks star Gemma Merna, Holby City's Rosie Marcel and broadcaster Jon Snow compete for charity. Bradley Walsh hosts. Last in the series. **8.00** **The X Factor.** The remaining acts relive classic big-screen moments as they perform songs from the movies, battling to win votes from millions of viewers at home. Dermot O'Leary provides much-needed support on stage, while Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Mel B and Louis Walsh take their seats behind the judges' desk to cheer on their own acts. As the competition heats up and the numbers fall, there are certain to be a few dramas and disagreements on the panel. **10.10** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** On the sofa tonight are actor Daniel Brühl, actress Lindsay Lohan, former England captain Rio Ferdinand and comedian Russell Brand. **11.15** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** Film: **The Beguiled.** (1971) A wounded soldier given refuge in a girls' school during the American Civil War awakes sexual jealousy among teachers and students. Drama, with Clint Eastwood. **1.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** (GMT) The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.30** The Grid. **7.00** Ironman World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.10** **Come Dine with Me.** Nail artist and beautiful Gina Shepherd hosts the final dinner party from Sheffield. (R) **6.40** **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud revisits a memorable restoration project in the remote Creuse region of central France. Back in 2003, when Denise Daniel and Doug Ibbs gave up everything in the UK to start a new life abroad, they couldn't have known what they would find. Falling in love with a dilapidated manor house with just four crumbling walls and half a roof, they embarked on a mission to transform it – working day and night, doing everything themselves, year after year – until slowly but surely they created a magnificent edifice out of the ruins they bought off the internet. It's now the 70th anniversary of the destruction of the original 19th-century building by the German army – and the house is finally finished. (R) **8.00** **Walking Through History: Bronte Country.** New series. Tony Robinson traces the childhoods of the Bronte siblings on a four-day trek through West Yorkshire exploring the harsh reality of 1820s life for the literary family. **9.00** **Film: This Means War.** (2012) Two secret agents find their lifelong friendship threatened when they fall in love with the same woman. The smitten spies cannot resist using their espionage skills and an array of gadgets to spy on her and sabotage each other's chances of romance, distracting them from a terrorist planning revenge on them. Comedy, with Tom Hardy. **11.00** Film: **Friends with Benefits.** (2011) Romantic comedy, starring Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis. **1.05** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **1.10** Film: (GMT) 20 Million Miles to Earth. (1957) **2.30** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.30** NFL: Hard Knocks. (R) **5.30** NFL: The American Football Show. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **9.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.05** Access. **10.10** Police Interceptor. (R) **11.05** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **12.05** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **1.10** Film: Mosquito Squadron. (1968) Second World War drama, starring David McCallum. **2.55** Film: 55 Days at Peking. (1963) Drama, starring Charlton Heston. **6.00** **Film: When Hell Broke Loose.** (1958) A small-time crook is drafted into the army during the Second World War and proves a less than capable soldier. While stationed in Germany, he falls in love with a local woman and goes AWOL – only to discover her brother is involved in a plot to assassinate General Eisenhower. Drama, starring Charles Bronson. **7.30** **World War II in Colour.** A look at how Nazi U-boats' efforts to sever transatlantic supply lines and the Allied firebombing of German cities affected the course of the conflict as efforts were made to develop new weapons and strategies to bring a rapid end to hostilities. The new British and American focus on destroying the enemy's infrastructure resulted in a high number of civilian deaths – a controversial decision that continues to be criticised today – while the Germans' plan to throttle their most stubborn enemy by attempting to be victorious at sea ultimately failed thanks to technological advancements in the UK. (R) **8.25** **5 News Weekend.** **8.30** **Live International Boxing: Monte Carlo.** Stuart Hall v Randy Caballero. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the bout for the vacant IBF World Bantamweight title, held at La Salle des Etoiles in Monte Carlo. Hall is looking to regain the title he lost in a split decision defeat at the hands of Paul Butler in June, but faces a tough task against the unbeaten American. **11.00** **Gotham.** Detective James Gordon is on the trail of two child snatchers who are targeting the city's homeless youths, with the hope of uncovering more information about the Waynes' killer. (R) **11.55** Access. **12.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** (GMT) Alex Polizzi's Secret Italy. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Sherlock **10.30** Live at the Apollo **11.00** Family Guy **1.35** The Revolution Will Be Televised **1.05** (GMT) Bad Education: The Final **1.35** Live at the Apollo **2.05** Impractical Jokers **BBC Four**  
**7.00** Land of the Lost Wolves **8.00** Maps: Power, Plunder and Possession **9.00** The Code **10.50** Elvis: That's All Right 60 Years On **11.50** Top of the Pops: 1979 **12.30** Land of the Lost Wolves **1.30** Sounds of the Sixties **1.00** (GMT) Even More Glorious Heroes at the BBC **2.00** Maps: Power, Plunder and Possession **3.00** Close **ITV2**  
**11.55** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Trials and Tribulations **12.55** Film: Junior (1994) **3.05** Film: Arthur and the Great Adventure (2009) **5.15** You've Been Framed! **5.45** Film: Miss Congeniality (2000) **8.00** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **10.10** The Xtra Factor **11.10** Celebrity Juice **11.55** The Job Lot **2.25** You've Been Framed! **2.50** Teleshopping **4.50** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**  
**12.40** Film: Columbo: Elude in Black (1972) **2.40** A Touch of Frost **4.45** Wycliffe **5.55** Inspector Morse **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.05** Bomb Girls **1.55** Wycliffe **2.00** (GMT) ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4**  
**11.10** British Superbike Championship Highlights **12.45** Darts: European Championship Live. Day two from Mülheim, Germany. **5.00** Highway Patrol **6.00** Storage Wars **7.00** Darts: European Championship Live. Day two from Mülheim, Germany. **11.00** Film: Air America (1990) **1.20** River Monsters **1.25** (GMT) Nicola Adams: Sports Life Stories **2.20** Cheers **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**  
**11.00** Melissa & Joey **12.00** The 100 **12.55** Rude(s) Tube Shorts **1.00** Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) **2.50** Rude(s) Tube Shorts **3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.00** New Girl **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** Film: Honey, I Blew Up the Kid (1992) **6.50** Rude(s) Tube Shorts **7.10** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Limitless (2011) **11.10** The Intebweeners **12.10** How I Met Your Mother **1.10** (GMT) Rules of Engagement **1.35** The Cleveland Show **2.20** Bob's Burgers **3.05** Make It or Break It **3.50** Smallville **4.30** Desperate Housewives **Film4**  
**11.00** Arizona Raiders (1965) **12.50** Martin Scorsese on Hugo **1.00** Home Alone 3 (1997) **3.00** The Parent Trap (1961) **5.40** The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (2008) **9.00** Office Space (1999) **10.45** Killer Joe (2011) **12.50** The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover (1989) **2.20** (GMT) The Comedian (2012) **4.00** Close

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**Bradley Walsh (middle)**

**Keep It in the Family (ITV, 7pm)**  
New series. Bradley Walsh hosts a game show in which families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds. A line-up of celebrities each hold the clue to a prize, and it's up to the contestants to determine the fate of their chosen box as they decide whether to swap, drop or keep it in the family. Taking part in the first edition are six members of the Emmerdale cast – Mark Charnock (Marlon), Natalie Anderson (Alicia), Dominic Brunt (Paddy), Samantha Giles (Bernice), Chris Bisson (Jai) and Charlotte Bellamy (Laurel).

**BBC1**

**6.00** (GMT) Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman. (R) **3.00** Talk to the Animals. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.55** Life Story. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.20** **Countryfile**. Northumberland is the location as Matt Baker discovers that Hadrian's Wall is a stronghold of one of the UK's rarest plants and finds out how a world-famous discovery at the wall just 50 years ago has told people most of what they know about Roman armour. Ellie Harrison joins amateur astronomers enjoying the best dark skies in England and finds out about the different ways to photograph stars. Adam Henson is in the market for a rare breed Portland ram, former farmer and trained butcher Gareth Barlow looks at the British beef industry, and Tom Heap investigates the impact that falling milk prices are having on British dairy farmers. **7.20** **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results**. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges, and Culture Club perform one of their greatest hits. **8.00** **Antiques Roadshow**. The team returns to Chenies Manor near Amersham in Buckinghamshire, where items include a forgotten train set, a collection of pocket watches and an ornate plant stand. **9.00** **Tutankhamun: The Truth Uncovered**. Dallas Campbell reveals new scientific research aimed at getting to the truth about the boy pharaoh's death at just 19, including DNA analysis and a CT scan of his mummified body. **10.00** **BBC News**; Regional News. **10.30** **Match of the Day 2**. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester United v Chelsea, Burnley v Everton and Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle United. **11.40** **The Apprentice**. (R) **12.40** **Film: Deceived**. (1991) Thriller, with Goldie Hawn. **2.25** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.30** BBC News.

**BBC2**

**6.00** (GMT) Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.00** **Countryfile**. Autumn Special. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.50** Sweet Baby James. (R) **12.20** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **1.20** **Film: War and Peace**. (1956) Historical drama, starring Audrey Hepburn. **4.40** Escape to the Continent. **5.10** Flog It! (R) **6.00** **Inside the Animal Mind**. Chris Packham continues his exploration of the minds of the cleverest animals on the planet by examining the problem-solving abilities of crows. (R) **7.00** **Human Universe**. Is mankind alone, or are there aliens out there, either waiting to be discovered, or on their way to find Earth? Professor Brian Cox spends this episode asking such questions, and what he discovers may raise a few eyebrows. He begins by exploring the human race's efforts to find neighbours in outer space, including the launch of two golden discs containing a greeting from Earth in the 1970s; they are still travelling and are now the most distant man-made objects from the planet. Brian also meets members of the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence, who have been monitoring radio signals for 50 years without success, before discussing the ingredients needed to make an intelligent civilisation with astrophysicist Dr Frank Drake. (R) **8.00** **Wonders of the Monsoon**. Documentary examining the plants and animals that thrive in monsoon areas, such as the black crested macaques and maleo birds of Indonesia, and the Rajah Brooke's pitcher in Borneo. **9.00** **Afghanistan: The Lion's Last Roar?** First of a two-part documentary telling the story of the conflict in Afghanistan, beginning with how initial miscalculation led to near catastrophe shortly after the troops arrived. **10.00** **Russell Howard's Good News**. The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on TV, online or in print. (R) **10.30** **The Fall**. (R) **12.30** **The Fall**. (R) **1.30** Sign Zone: Countryfile. Autumn Special. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** This Is BBC Two.

**ITV**

**6.00** (GMT) CITV: (GMT) Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** Film: Carry On Cleo. (1964) **1.05** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.50** The Unforgettable Yootha Joyce. (R) **2.20** The X Factor. (R) **4.30** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.35** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **6.30** **Regional Programme**; Weather. **6.45** **ITV News**; Weather. **7.00** **Keep It in the Family**. New series. Bradley Walsh hosts a game show in which families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds to win big prizes with the help of celebrities. **8.00** **The X Factor Results**. The tension in the studio is palpable as the contestants learn their fate. **9.00** **Downton Abbey**. Following the altercation, relations between Robert and Cora are strained, while Blake's scheming starts to come to fruition when Mary is unexpectedly pitted against her love rival. Edith decides to take drastic measures after receiving terrible news, leaving various parties reeling. Baxter is embroiled in the investigation into Green's death following a mysterious tip-off, and as Thomas's health deteriorates, he finally reveals the truth to the maid. Elsewhere, love is in the air for more than one member of the Crawley family. **10.05** **ITV News**; Weather. **10.15** **Harry's South Pole Heroes**. Part one of two. Prince Harry joins four injured British soldiers on a 125-mile expedition in the Antarctic as part of the Walking with the Wounded South Pole Allied Challenge 2013. (R) **11.15** **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Roger Moore**. The former Bond star recalls the highs and lows of his acting career and personal life. (R) **12.15** The Store. Home shopping. **2.30** Motorsport UK. **3.20** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.35** **ITV Nightscreen**. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

**CHANNEL 4**

**6.30** (GMT) How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **1.00** American Football Live. Atlanta Falcons v Detroit Lions (Kick-off 1.30pm). **5.00** The Simpsons. (R) **5.30** Channel 4 News. **5.55** **Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader**. (2010) Fantasy adventure, with George Henley and Skandar Keynes. **8.00** **Speed with Guy Martin**. New series. The motorbike racer takes part in four more speed-based challenges and gets his hands dirty in unique engineering projects to discover what makes things go fast. In the first programme, he finds out how far it's possible to travel on a bicycle during 24 hours of non-stop pedalling. With the help of bike experts Miles Kinsbury and Mike Burrows he builds a tandem, and pairs up with his friend, endurance expert Jason Miles, to see how far they can push their bodies. In the build-up to the final record attempt at the historic Goodwood Motor Circuit, Guy also learns about the science of cooking for athletes with nutritionist Nigel Mitchell, who instructs him to lose five kilos and recommends a new diet regime. **9.00** **Homeland**. Carrie makes a delicate alliance with her counterpart at Pakistan's secretive Inter-Services Intelligence, and intervenes when Fara fails to recruit a key asset. Elsewhere, Quinn is still reeling from events in Islamabad, and zeroes in on a potential lead. **10.05** **Film: Four Lions**. (2010) Four British Muslims form an incompetent terrorist cell and hatch a scheme to attack the London marathon. Chris Morris' satirical comedy, starring Riz Ahmed and Kayvan Novak. **12.10** **American Football Live**. New Orleans Saints v Green Bay Packers (Kick-off 12.30am). Nat Coombs is joined by Mike Carlson to present coverage of the clash at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. **3.45** The Grid. (R) **4.10** Location. Location. Location. Kirstie and Phil revisit their oldest-ever home-hunters. (R) **5.05** Win It Cook It. (R) **5.35** Countdown. With Dictionary Corner guest Dave Myers. (R)

**CHANNEL 5**

**6.00** (GMT) Milkshake!: (GMT) Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Seaside Antics. **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.05** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Wanda and the Alien. **8.40** Zack and Quack. **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.25** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.00** Great South Run. **12.00** World's Scariest Plane Landings. **12.45** Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked. (2011) Comedy sequel, starring Jason Lee. **2.25** **Film: Kangaroo Jack**. (2003) Comedy, starring Jerry O'Connell. **4.10** **Film: The Goonies**. (1985) Children's adventure, starring Sean Astin. **6.30** **Film: Speed Racer**. (2008) Premiere. A teenager dreams of following in his dead brother's footsteps and being a champion racing driver. As he becomes increasingly successful on the track, he discovers the sport is being manipulated by corrupt corporations. Joining forces with a mysterious former rival, he vows to bring the fat cats' race-fixing schemes to an end. Action adventure from the creators of The Matrix, starring Emile Hirsch. **8.55** **5 News Weekend**. **9.00** **Film: Angels & Demons**. (2009) Academic adventurer Robert Langdon is called in by the Vatican to deal with a crisis. The Pope has died and the four cardinals in line to be his successor have all been abducted by a mysterious sect that is threatening to murder them. As he searches for the kidnapped clerics, Langdon discovers the cult has an even more horrific plan in mind. Thriller, with Tom Hanks. **11.45** **The Da Vinci Code: The True Story**. Exploring the claims made in Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code, including an intimate relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene and the final resting place of the Holy Grail. (R) **12.40** Campus PD. Documentary series following police who patrol college towns in America. (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarr. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**DIGITAL**

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** (GMT) Great Movie Mistakes **8.00** Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide **8.15** Doctor Who **9.00** Come Fly with Me **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Bad Education: The Finale **11.15** The Revolution Will Be Televised **11.45** American Dad! **12.30** Comedy Fest Live 2013 **1.30** Bad Education: The Finale **2.30** The Revolution Will Be Televised **2.30** Come Fly with Me **3.30** Bad Education: The Finale **4.00** Close **BBC Four**  
**7.00** (GMT) Under Milk Wood **8.00** Rome: A History of the Eternal City **9.00** Storyville: 112 Weddings **10.00** Foo Fighters: Sonic Highways **12.00** The Joy of Abba **1.00** Abba at the BBC **2.00** Agnetha: Abba & After **3.00** The Joy of Abba **ITV2**  
**11.05** The X Factor **1.20** The Xtra Factor **2.20** The Vamps: The Hot Desk **2.30** You've Been Framed! **3.05** **Film: Jurassic Park** (1993) **5.40** **Film: Back to the Future Part III** (1990) **8.00** Scorpion **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Tricked **11.00** **Film: House of Wax** (2005) **1.15** Dads **2.05** Fake Reaction **2.45** Teleshopping **ITV3**  
**11.55** Inspector Morse **2.00** Rosemary & Thyme **3.05** **Film: The Secret of My Success** (1987) **5.20** **Film: Columbo: Lovely but Lethal** (1973) **6.55** Lewis **9.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night's Best of the Worst **10.00** **Film: Parenthood** (1989) **12.30** William and Mary **2.20** Judge Judy **3.05** **ITV3** Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale **ITV4**  
**11.45** Ax Men **12.45** Darts: European Championship Live. Day three from Muelheim, Germany. **5.00** World of Sport: TV Firsts **5.10** Tim Vine's Punslinger **6.45** Darts: European Championship Live. Day three from Muelheim, Germany. **11.00** The Power of Darts **12.05** **Film: Quadrophania** (1979) **2.30** Cheers **2.55** **ITV4** Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**  
**12.25** Made in Chelsea **1.30** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** **Film: The Grinch** (2000) **4.05** Melissa & Joey **5.05** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.30** The Inbetweeners **10.30** Drifters **11.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **11.35** Rude Tube: Viral Ads **12.35** Glue **1.40** Rules of Engagement **2.35** Rude Tube: Viral Ads **3.30** Hollyoaks **Film4**  
**11.00** (GMT) Dark Command (1940) **1.00** Hocus Pocus (1993) **2.55** Tooth Fairy (2010) **5.00** Dragonball Evolution (2009) **6.40** Hugo (2011) **9.00** Double Jeopardy (1999) **11.10** Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) **1.15** This Boy's Life (1993) **3.40** Close

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**MONDAY**  
**Amityville II: The Possession, Channel 5, 10.55pm**  
A dysfunctional family moves into the infamous Long Island property, where the teenage son falls under the influence of sinister forces. Horror prequel, with Burt Young, Jack Wagner and James Olson. (1982)

**TUESDAY**  
**The Mothman Prophecies, BBC1, 11.55pm**  
A bereaved journalist gets inexplicably lost on his way to Virginia, and ends up in a rural backwater where the residents are reporting paranormal encounters and sightings of strange lights. He investigates further and is startled to uncover sightings of a huge moth-like creature. Supernatural thriller, with Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Will Patton and Debra Messing. (2002)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Scary Movie 4, BBC1, 12.05am**  
Dim-witted Cindy Campbell gets a job as the caretaker of a haunted house, where she comes into contact with the ghost of a little Japanese boy. He tells her he knows a secret way to rid the Earth of invading aliens – but then he unfortunately vanishes before passing it on to her. Spoof horror sequel, starring Anna Faris. (2006)



Poltergeist, Friday, Channel 5, 11.55pm

**THURSDAY**  
**Sacrifices of the Heart, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A Los Angeles lawyer returns to the family home when she learns her estranged father has started to show signs of Alzheimer's disease. Drama, starring Melissa Gilbert, Ken Howard and Lisa Pelikan. (2007)

**FRIDAY**  
**Paranormal Activity, ITV, 11.10pm**  
A couple move into a new house, only to be disturbed by unexplained supernatural phenomena. They become convinced the property is haunted and set out to capture evidence of their ghostly encounters on film. Horror, with Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat. (2007)

**Poltergeist, Channel 5, 11.55pm**  
A family experiences strange events after invisible phantoms invade its home. At first the ghosts seem harmless, simply making things move by themselves. But before long, they spirit away the five-year-old daughter to their own plane of existence, forcing her parents to call on paranormal researchers to find their missing child. Horror, with JoBeth Williams, Craig T Nelson and Heather O'Rourke. (1982)

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# Secrets and lies from the past come to light

How do you like your dramas? Straight down the line, or with a twist or two? Maybe with an offbeat or supernatural element, and perhaps a few stars thrown in for good measure? If you're nodding your head in answer of any or all of those questions, then Intruders, a new, eight-part series made by BBC America, could be for you.

Taking the lead is John Simm, and any new programme featuring him is always worth a look.

But when you hear he's appearing in something that has already gone down a storm in the US, it becomes a must-see.

The only problem is, if it becomes as big a hit as it seems set to do, Intruders may take Simm away from our own shores for some time, because he will suddenly become a man in demand Stateside.

So brace yourself for that happening – and for the big hole in British drama that Simm will leave behind.

Intruders is a paranormal drama based on a novel by acclaimed English author Michael Marshall Smith, who claims he was inspired to

write it by the notion that we can, at times, seem like more than one person.

It has an excellent pedigree in other respects too – the script has been written by Glen Morgan, who is also the executive producer; genre fans will be familiar with him via his work on The X-Files.

What's more, several episodes have been directed by Eduardo Sanchez, who first found fame via his work on low-budget smash-hit horror movie The Blair Witch Project in 1999.

The rest have been helmed by Daniel Stamm, whose previous work includes the films 13 Sins and The Last Exorcism.

Intruders made its debut in the US in August, and when it was broadcast alongside the first episode of Peter Capaldi's stint in Doctor Who, helped land the station its biggest-ever Saturday night ratings.

Kim Shillinglaw, Controller of BBC Two, says: "Drama on BBC Two continues to be a stand-out success and we have plenty more to look forward to this year, from the return of hit series Peaky Blinders and The Fall,

to this striking new thriller. "With a world renowned cast and an impressive creative team, this chilling and contemporary drama will keep viewers on the edge of their seats this autumn."

The plot focuses on a shadowy organisation dedicated to chasing immortality by inhabiting other people's bodies.

Simm stars as ex-LA cop Jack Whelan, who becomes suspicious of the group's activities after his wife Amy disappears.

Whelan becomes obsessed with tracking Amy down, using the skills he learnt as a cop to follow her trail. But as he becomes increasingly consumed by his quest, he begins to question whether he really knew her at all...

Oscar-winning actress Mira Sorvino also stars, alongside James Frain, Millie Brown and Tory Kittles.

"Intruders is a truly unsettling drama – eerie, intriguing, complex and compelling," says Sue Deeks, head of BBC programme acquisition.

We can't wait to see for ourselves.



John Simm and Mira Sorvino star in Intruders, Monday, BBC2, 9pm

## BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**  
**Marilyn Monroe: The Missing Evidence Channel 5, 8pm**

New series. Investigating the evidence that supports some of the world's most notorious conspiracy theories. Though she officially committed suicide, some people have long claimed that the FBI, the Mafia and even the Kennedy family may have been involved in Marilyn Monroe's death. This programme looks at some of these claims, and also reveals the contents of tape recordings made inside Monroe's house on the fateful day of August 5, 1962, which suggest her psychiatrist may have been responsible for her death.

**Baby P: The Untold Story BBC1, 8.30pm**

In November 2008, the story of the death of a 17-month-old toddler horrified the nation. Then known only as Baby P, he had been subjected to a prolonged period of abuse and neglect. But perhaps the most shocking part of the story involved the authorities whose job it was to protect Baby P, later named as Peter Connelly. It was revealed that he and his family were visited more than 60 times by various agencies, and yet his suffering continued. This documentary examines the story in detail, and speaks to some of those connected with the case and its aftermath.

**TUESDAY**  
**The Missing BBC1, 9pm**

A strong cast and a premise that plays on every parent's nightmare should make this new drama series unmissable. James Nesbitt and Frances O'Connor star as Tony and Emily Hughes, whose five-year-old son Oliver goes missing during a family holiday in France in 2006. The strain takes it toll on their marriage, but Tony refuses to give up hope that his son will be found alive, so when a new shred of evidence emerges, eight years on from Oliver's disappearance, the father returns to France.

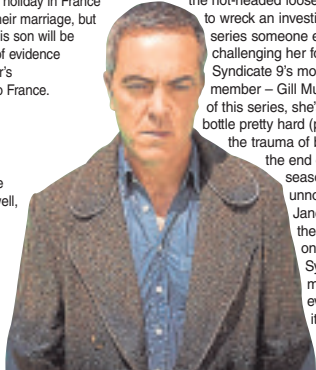
**WEDNESDAY**  
**The Apprentice BBC1, 9pm**

It's safe to say the recent 'wearable technology' task didn't go all that well, as the girls came up with a jacket with solar-powered shoulder pads, while the boys designed a jumper with an inbuilt camera that Daniel Lassman pitched to a retailer by admitting he probably wouldn't wear it in public. However, this week, the would-be entrepreneurs are getting a second chance to prove that they are savvy when it

comes to 21st-century technology, as Alan Sugar challenges them to create their own online video channels to go live on YouTube.

**Scott & Bailey ITV, 9pm**

We always thought Rachel was supposed to be the hot-headed loose cannon most likely to wreck an investigation, but in this series someone else has been challenging her for the title of Syndicate 9's most irresponsible member – Gill Murray. Over the course of this series, she's been hitting the bottle pretty hard (probably do deal with the trauma of being kidnapped at the end of the previous season), and it's not gone unnoticed by Rachel and Janet. However, following the discovery of slaves on the Pritchard farm, Syndicate 9 is under more scrutiny than ever – which means it's a particularly disastrous time for the boss to come in reeking of booze.



The Missing, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

**THURSDAY**  
**Life Story BBC1, 9pm**

Sir David Attenborough's back on our screens having travelled the globe in filming his latest series, Life Story, in which he narrates the stories of animals' journeys through life. In this second episode, he follows a tiger cub whose family is under threat, a vulnerable veined octopus and a pair of sibling cheetahs guarding against starvation, and the naturalist explains how the animals develop new skills and learn how to survive on their own.

**FRIDAY**  
**Citizen Khan BBC1, 8.30pm**

During a recent episode of Would I Lie To You? Adil Ray revealed he had once been told off by a Greek boat owner for sailing too far out to sea. That's definitely not to kind of thing Mr Khan would get up to. Ray writes and stars in this sitcom about Khan's often fraught life, and while many may be surprised to see it back for a new series – it hasn't always had great reviews – it has grown an army of fans big enough to warrant a recommitment. The first episode sees the Khan family return from a trip to Pakistan with Mrs Khan's mother in tow. Mr Khan isn't pleased about her presence, but cheers up when she announces her plan to move into a care home.

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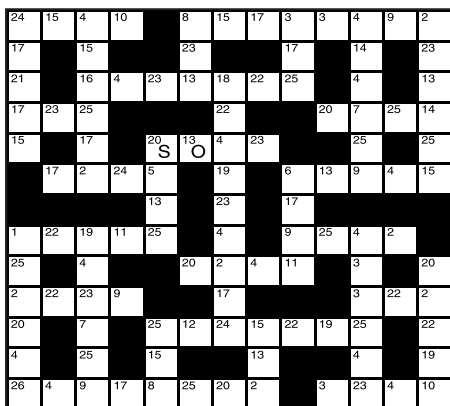
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

Y	A	H	S	T	Z	B	K	N	P	W	J	E
L	F	I	R	M	D	C	Q	X	O	U	G	V

1	14
2	15
3	16
4	17
5	18
6	19
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11	24
12	25
13	26

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

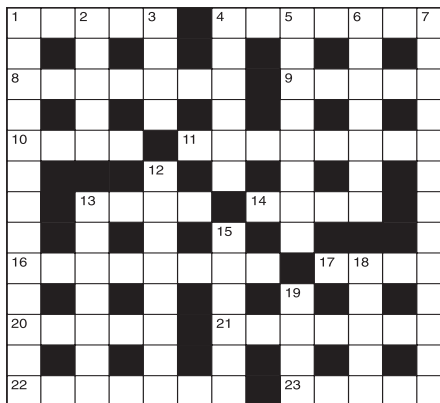
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

1. In Roman Catholic setting the prophet produces an object of reverence (5)
4. See 11 Across
8. See 17 Across
- 9 & 16Ac. Maverick trumpeter! (5,8)
10. What bakers do, we hear, as a necessity (4)
- 11 & 4Ac. They are graduated for those who take physics (8-7)
13. Military policeman after petty-officer for ostentatious display (4)
14. Fish not yet caught, one hears (4)
16. See 9 Across
- 17 & 8Ac. He's personally responsible for the position he's in (4-4,3)
20. See 23 Across
21. The fellow gets a certain time for a particular assignment (7)
22. Master copy for various clients (7)
- 23 & 20Ac. Publicity man to show lack of tension in contemporary surroundings (5-5)

#### Down

1. Figures of classical significance (5,8)
2. Take up temporary accommodation at the gate-house (5)
3. A thousand in international settlement (4)
4. For the man of finance this is regarded as a certainty (6)
5. A word in America for the rail-head (8)
6. It needs fifty to light the fuel (7)
7. Dramatically speaking, they deal with all sorts of properties (5-8)
12. Give chap time, maybe, to be downright in speech (8)
13. Go in front - it's soft to go back (7)
15. Top coat for me in back lane (6)
18. What the first of the rubbers will do in comfort! (5)
19. Break the vessels up (4)



### Quick Clues:

#### Across

1. Spate (5)
4. Refuse (7)
8. Unfasten (7)
9. Even (5)
10. Ripped (4)
11. Theft (8)
13. Nobleman (4)
14. Otherwise (4)
16. Defames (8)
17. Chief (4)
20. Dodge (5)
21. In arrears (7)
22. Pullover (7)
23. Support (5)

#### Down

1. Perfection (13)
2. Happen (5)
3. Deceased (4)
4. Substitute (6)
5. Guilty (8)
6. Bill (7)
7. Illumination (13)
12. Slope (8)
13. Flow from (7)
15. Warmth (6)
18. Viper (5)
19. Minus (4)

## Sudoku

4		7			5		8
1			7				2
		5			2	9	
2			1		5	8	6
7	5						2
		6	2				
		4	9				
8					6		7
3	1		2		6		9

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	7	4	8	5	2	1	3	9
3	1	8	7	4	9	5	6	2
9	2	5	3	1	6	4	7	8
2	4	1	5	7	3	9	8	6
8	6	9	1	2	4	7	5	3
5	3	7	6	9	8	2	4	1
4	9	3	2	6	5	8	1	7
1	8	2	4	3	7	6	9	5
7	5	6	9	8	1	3	2	4

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Oversight; 8 Live; 9 Firm going; 10 Normal; 11 Mavis; 14 Evens; 15 Cure; 16 Earth; 18 Ends; 20 Ample; 21 Sport; 24 Spared; 25 Matrimony; 26 Lean; 27 Prototype. Down: 1 Blunderer; 2 Overheads; 4 Veil; 5 Rumba; 6 Ironical; 7 Hint; 9 False; 11 Merit; 12 Supporter; 13 Defendant; 17 Harpy; 19 Spirit; 22 Remit; 23 Pair; 24 Snip. QUICK - Across: 3 Composure; 8 Elui; 9 Better off; 10 Seaman; 11 Shrub; 14 Ledger; 15 True; 16 Draws; 18 Sour; 20 Trade; 21 Teach; 24 Stream; 25 Arrogance; 26 Keen; 27 Determine. Down: 1 Senseless; 2 Out-and-out; 4 Omen; 5 Patch; 6 Sprout; 7 Riff; 9 Bared; 11 Smash; 12 Break even; 13 Never mind; 17 State; 19 Remote; 22 Claim; 23 Free; 24 Scan.

## Quiz

1. Who wrote the opera Hary Janos?
2. Where was the first permanent British settlement in the US?
3. Between which countries is the Kattegat sea passage?
4. Who coined the term Iron Curtain?
5. What does an invertebrate lack?
6. Where is the Interpol HQ?
7. How is the Book of Changes better known?
8. Who is the author of the Dune series?
9. In which country was Graeme Hick born?
10. Which organ produces insulin?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Scabies; 2 Raccoon; 3 Medicine; 4 Jockey Club; 5 New Zealand; 6 XIV; 7 Kiwi; 8 Mike Leigh; 9 Swiss; 10 Uncle. Niner: SCROUNGED

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

574 gives a deer,  
8763 gives a horse,  
913342 gives a cat.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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## Office/gym room at £190,000 property

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- \* A generously sized Semi-Detached
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- \* Two good size bedrooms
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- \* Ideal First time buy
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Beechfield Grove

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- \* Extended Kitchen to the rear
- \* THREE bedrooms
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- \* Fully UPVC double glazed
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
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### COSELEY



Ivyhouse Lane

- \* Traditional style semi-detached
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- \* Kitchen \* Conservatory
- \* Modern Bathroom with separate shower
- \* TWO good size bedrooms
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Hollywell Street

- \* A beautifully presented end of terrace
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- \* Enhanced internally to high standard
- \* Open plan style dining kitchen
- \* THREE bedrooms
- \* Well maintained rear garden
- \* Off road parking for two cars
- \* EPC Rating - D

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### LANESFIELD



Hilton Road

- \* A traditional style semi-detached house
- \* Popular residential location
- \* In need of some cosmetic updating
- \* Open plan kitchen/diner
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Double glazed windows
- \* A garage and driveway
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - D

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### WOLVERHAMPTON



Dovedale Road

- \* A RENOVATED ground floor property
- \* Set over two floors - MAISONETTE
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### BRIERLEY HILL TYZACK CLOSE

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•Dormer style detached residence  
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•Lounge & dining room, utility area  
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**26 SUNNINGDALE ROAD** £222,500  
**SEDGLEY**  
•Link detached house  
•Extended & improved  
•Three bedrooms  
•Attractive rear garden  
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**NEW**  
**17 PINE WALK** OIRO £199,950  
**PEDMORE**  
•Sought after locality  
•Three bedrooms, two reception rooms  
•Ample parking plus garage  
•Excellent opportunity  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



**NO UPWARD CHAIN**  
**50 CLAREMONT ROAD** Offers Around £199,950  
**SEDGLEY**  
•Traditional style detached house  
•Three bedrooms & recently re-fitted bathroom  
•Extended kitchen & downstairs shower room,  
•Attractively landscaped westerley facing rear garden  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



**NO UPWARD CHAIN**  
**8 FIELDSTONE VIEW** £199,500  
**LOWER GORNAL**  
•Attractive modern three bedroom detached house  
•Set well back from the road  
•Enhanced property with conservatory  
•Gas central heating, upvc double glazing, detached garage  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



**NEW**  
**1A COPPICE ROAD, COSELEY** £184,950  
•Improved end of terraced residence with three bedrooms  
•Deceptive accommodation with gas central heating & double glazing  
•Separate self contained one bedroom annexe  
•Double garage, large tarmac area with parking for several vehicles  
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**2 CAUSEWAY ROAD** O/A £134,950  
**COSELEY**  
•Link detached house  
•Three bedrooms  
•Well presented accommodation  
•Conservatory at rear  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



**NEW**  
**13 BREEN RYDDING DRIVE** OIRO £172,500  
**COSELEY**  
•Three bedroom semi detached house  
•Improved & extended accommodation  
•Living room & dining area, conservatory  
•Study/sitting room, large bathroom  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C



**NO UPWARD CHAIN**  
**35 TURLS HILL ROAD** OIRO £149,950  
**SEDGLEY**  
•Semi detached house with three bedrooms  
•Attractively presented accommodation  
•Conservatory & side utility area  
•Attractively landscaped level private rear garden  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



**10 CHESTNUT AVENUE** OIRO £148,000  
**DUDLEY**  
•Extended semi detached house  
•Three bedrooms  
•Extended through living room  
•Double glazing & gas central heating  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E



**NEW**  
**234A & 234C STOURBRIDGE ROAD** £147,000  
**HALESOWEN**  
•Small development of new houses  
•Spacious three bedroom accommodation  
•Quiet backwater with open aspect to rear  
•High specification with well fitted integrated kitchen  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-PREDICTED EPC B



**NO UPWARD CHAIN**  
**179 TIPTON ROAD** £145,000  
**WOODSETTON**  
•Spacious victorian terraced house  
•Refurbished property  
•Re-fitted kitchen & bathroom  
•Secure parking at rear  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



**NO UPWARD CHAIN**  
**33 SILVERTHORNE AVENUE** OIRO £135,000  
**TIPTON**  
•Detached house  
•Three bedrooms  
•Rear wet room extension  
•Cosmetic updating & improvements required  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



**1 SOUTH OVAL** £99,950  
**UPPER GORNAL**  
•End terraced house  
•Three bedrooms  
•Two reception rooms  
•Gas central heating & double glazing  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



**NO UPWARD CHAIN**  
**3 GEORGE ROAD** £129,950  
**COSELEY**  
•Semi detached house  
•Three bedrooms  
•Gas central heating & double glazing  
•L' shaped dining kitchen  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



**NO UPWARD CHAIN**  
**5 QUEENS CRESCENT** £119,950  
**COSELEY**  
•Semi detached house  
•Extended accommodation  
•Three bedrooms, shower room  
•Utility room/study  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



**NO UPWARD CHAIN**  
**21 HALL STREET** OIRO £123,500  
**CRADLEY HEATH**  
•Modern semi detached house  
•Three bedrooms  
•Well proportioned accommodation  
•Gas central heating  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



**NEW**  
**5 REDSTONE WAY** £119,950  
**LOWER GORNAL**  
•Modern townhouse  
•Two bedrooms  
•Well proportioned accommodation  
•Separate brick built garage  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



**NO UPWARD CHAIN**  
**127 SHAW ROAD** £118,000  
**COSELEY**  
•Semi detached house  
•Three bedrooms  
•Ideal location  
•Good sized rear garden  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C



**NEW**  
**4 HILL AVENUE** £107,500  
**LANESFIELD**  
•Semi detached house  
•Three bedrooms  
•Well maintained & improved  
•Gas central heating & double glazing  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



**REDUCED**  
**1 SOUTH OVAL** £99,950  
**UPPER GORNAL**  
•End terraced house  
•Three bedrooms  
•Two reception rooms  
•Gas central heating & double glazing  
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E

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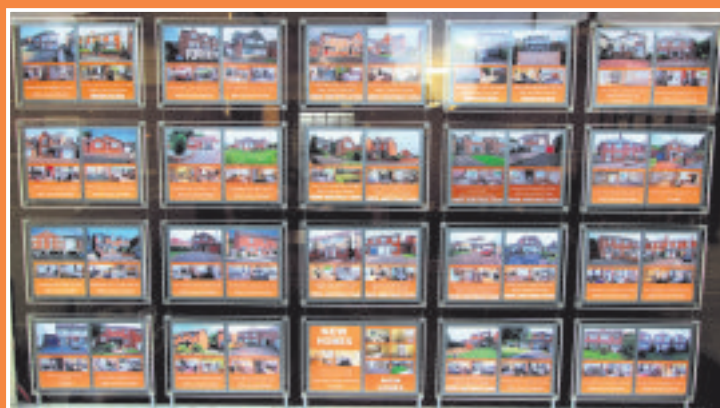
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<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b>  <b>BROMLEY</b> <b>FOR SALE £124,950</b> Semi Detached Property, with NO UPWARD CHAIN, comprises of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Ground Floor Wet Room, FOUR BEDROOMS, First Floor WC, benefits include: Double Glazing (where specified), Gas Central	<b>LOWER GORNAL</b>  <b>TEMPLE STREET</b> <b>FOR SALE OIRO £94,995</b> Character Freehold Mid Terrace Property with No Upward Chain. To include: Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Benefits from: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Long Rear Garden.	<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b>  <b>WILLIAM STREET</b> <b>FOR SALE £97,500</b> End Terrace Property in Good Internal Decorative Order. Comprising of: Two Reception Rooms, Ground Floor WC, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Benefits include: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden.	<b>STOURBRIDGE</b>  <b>PERRINS LANE</b> <b>FOR SALE £210,000</b> Large Well Presented Traditional Detached House: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Large Dining Kitchen, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Separate Double Shower, Gas Central Heating, Well laid out Gardens, Off Road Parking
<b>DADFORD VIEW</b>  <b>BRIERLEY HILL</b> <b>£460 pcm*</b> Cluster Style Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Side Garden, Allocated Parking, Double Glazing, DSS Considered	<b>FAIRWAY AVENUE</b>  <b>TIVIDALE</b> <b>£525 pcm*</b> Semi Detached Property, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking	<b>KINGSWINFORD</b>  <b>RAGEES ROAD</b> <b>£420 pcm*</b> Ground Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom with shower, Bedroom, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED	<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b>  <b>DADFORD VIEW</b> <b>£395 pcm*</b> Ground Floor Flat, Lounge/Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Allocated Parking, Front Garden, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED
<b>TIPTON</b>  <b>DUDLEY PORT ROAD</b> <b>£420 pcm*</b> Ground Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off road parking, Maintained communal grounds, Unfurnished	<b>PENSNETT</b>  <b>TANSEY GREEN ROAD</b> <b>£545 pcm*</b> End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Garage at rear, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing	<b>WORDSLEY</b>  <b>KENILWORTH CLOSE</b> <b>£620 pcm*</b> Semi Detached Bungalow, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage	<b>WORDSLEY</b>  <b>LAWNSWOOD DRIVE</b> <b>£920 pcm*</b> Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Double Open Garage, Front, Rear & Side Garden
<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b>  <b>BROMLEY</b> <b>£575 pcm*</b> Modern Mid Terrace House, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED	<b>KINGSWINFORD</b>  <b>LABURNUM ROAD</b> <b>£435 pcm*</b> Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating	<b>KINGSWINFORD</b>  <b>RAGEES ROAD</b> <b>£400 pcm*</b> First Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchenette, Bedroom, Bathroom, Allocated Parking, Maintained Grounds, Electric Heating, Double Glazing.	<b>WORDSLEY</b>  <b>BELLS LANE</b> <b>£625 pcm*</b> Semi-Detached House, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Good Bedrooms, Shower Room, Separate Toilet, Garage, Off Road Parking, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing.
<b>OLDSWINFORD</b>  <b>THE FURLONGS</b> <b>£585 pcm*</b> Semi Detached Cottage, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, Two Bedrooms, Loft Room, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating	<b>STOURBRIDGE</b>  <b>BAGLEYS ROAD</b> <b>£395 pcm*</b> Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Double Bedroom, Double Glazing, Double Glazing	<b>COSELEY</b>  <b>LILIAN GROVE</b> <b>£575 pcm*</b> End Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Garden, Unfurnished	<b>STOURBRIDGE</b>  <b>HOLLYBUSH LANE</b> <b>£460 pcm*</b> First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Unfurnished
<b>WOLLASTON</b>  <b>KINGSWAY</b> <b>£550 pcm*</b> FIRST FLOOR FLAT, Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Carport, Off road parking, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing.	<b>WALL HEATH</b>  <b>CROSS STREET</b> <b>£775 pcm*</b> Semi-Detached House, Entrance, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Carport, Off road parking, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing	<b>SWINDON</b>  <b>HIGH STREET</b> <b>£495 pcm*</b> First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Parking at Rear	<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b>  <b>FOXDALE DRIVE</b> <b>£460 pcm*</b> Cluster style property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking, Front Garden

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**GORNAL WOOD, Himley Road**  
EXTENDED, gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed detached "transformed" in recent years with vestibule, hall, fitted cloaks, extended 18'10" lounge, CONSERVATORY, magnificent extended/refitted dining kitchen with extensive range of 'gloss cream' units & island unit - various appliances & a Range. Utility:THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom, shower room. Garage, sheltered rear garden. EPC:TBA.SEDGLEY 880888



**SEDGLEY, Cotwall End Road**  
Imaginatively designed, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached for improvement with PANORAMIC VIEWS comprising: hall, cloaks, L shape living room with 'corner window' with views, kitchen, veranda. Double bedroom 3, bathroom, dining room, garden room.To first floor Two bedrooms. Garage,garden. EPC:E-SEDGLEY 880888

Open day

£299,950

New price

WAS £285,000 NOW £275,000

Offers in the region of £256,000



**LOWER GORNAL, Fieldstone View**  
Gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed detached in exemplary order with distant views comprising: hall, store, cloaks, dining room, lounge, REFITTED kitchen with 'high gloss cream' units, utility, Bedroom one with shower room en-suite, 3 further bedrooms, bathroom, garage, landscaped garden. EPC-C. SEDGLEY 880888



**KINGSWINFORD, Cross Street**  
A DECEPTIVE MODERN LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME within Kingswinford's Old Quarter, with BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and LARGE, BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT GARDEN, offering a GENEROUS layout including THREE LARGE BEDROOMS Master with EN-SUITE. EPC TBA



**WORDSLEY, Horsham Avenue**  
A LARGE 'MUCKLOW' SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME set within a highly sought after 'cul-de-sac' close to neighbouring woodland/countryside, REQUIRING SOME UPDATING, offering 3 GOOD BEDROOMS, Long Driveway, Garage and private rear garden. EPC C



**WALL HEATH, Albion Street**  
A DELIGHTFUL DOUBLE FRONTED TWO BEDROOM MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW very close to Wall Heath Village, offering SPACIOUS & WELL PRESENTED accommodation, plus DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and BROAD, BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC D



**WOMBOURNE, Wombourne Park**  
Occupying a very generous corner position, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED & BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a GENEROUS THREE BEDROOM layout, plus LARGE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and ATTRACTIVE LEVEL REAR GARDEN. EPC TBA

Offers in the region of £227,500

£214,950

£209,950

No upward chain

£209,950

£199,950



**DUDLEY, Malthouse Drive**  
Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached comprising: hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen with integrated appliances. Principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom. Driveway, garage, garden, decking. EPC: D. SEDGLEY 01902 880888



**DUDLEY, Richborough Drive**  
Fronting open space- gas centrally heated uPVC D/glazed detached with hall, cloaks, breakfast kitchen, lounge, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (Bed 1 with shower room en suite), bathroom gated, drive garage garden. EPC:D SEDGLEY 01902 880888



**WORDSLEY, Ashdene Gardens**  
Enjoying this popular cul de sac setting, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE affords a SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY RE-APPOINTED layout, plus LARGE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and pleasant patio / lawned rear garden. EPC E



**HIMLEY, The Limes**  
A MOST IMPRESSIVE AND EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE GROUND FLOOR LUXURY APARTMENT, purpose built for those of 55 years and over, offering a BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED layout with TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS plus EN-SUITE and TWO ALLOCATED CAR PARKING SPACES. EPC B



**SEDGLEY, Turlis Street**  
NO UPWARD CHAIN.Gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed detached within walking distance of Bullring with porch,hall, cloaks, kitchen, spacious lounge/dining room, uPVC CONSERVATORY, 3 bedrooms, bathroom. EPC:D. SEDGLEY 01902 880888

WAS £169,950 NOW £165,000

Offers in the Region of £169,650

Now available

£154,950

Now available

£154,950

Offers in the region of £150,000



**PENSNETT, Tansey Green Road**  
A TRADITIONAL TWO BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOME with CONSERVATORY, well located with LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, REAR DOUBLE GARAGE and large garden. EPC E.



**KINGSWINFORD, Bromley Lane**  
Forming part of this established address, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is enhanced by a CONSERVATORY plus DOUBLE GARAGE and although REQUIRES UPDATING, offers MUCH POTENTIAL and enjoys an ATTRACTIVE REAR GARDEN. EPC D



**SEDGLEY, Bilston Street**  
DOUBLE GARAGE AT REAR! Freehold, centrally heated, double glazed semi, period features have been retained/enhanced comprising traditional hall, store, dining room, transverse lounge, vestibule, breakfast kitchen. Two (potentially three) bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, contractors garage. EPC E SEDGLEY 01902 880888



**DUDLEY, Highland Road**  
RARE OPPORTUNITY! Gas centrally heated, double glazed end town house in exemplary order: comprising: entrance vestibule, lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms (main bedroom with fitted units) bathroom, Parking for two cars, 'low maintenance' rear garden, secluded fenced secret garden. EPC D. SEDGLEY 01902 880888



**LOWER GORNAL, Wealdstone Drive**  
Gas centrally heated uPVC Double glazed 'starter home' in exemplary order - hall, fitted cloaks,lounge, transverse dining kitchen; 3 bedrooms reapt bathroom, parking to front, landscaped garden. EPC T.B.A. SEDGLEY 880888

New price

£138,950

Now available

£134,950

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Offers in the region of £129,950

Offers in the Region of £127,950



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**DUDLEY, Mansion Close, 'Earls Keep'**

Gas centrally heated, double glazed detached on corner plot. Hall, fitted cloak, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility, 4 BEDROOMS (principle with wardrobes and shower en suite), bathroom, garage, delightful garden forming a fine feature. EPC: T.B.A. Sedgley 880888



**SEDGLEY, Dudley Road**

PERIOD 4 BEDROOM ELEGANCE! - Gas centrally heated semi detached comprising, hall, living room, sitting room, kitchen, utility room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Staircase up to dormer bedroom. Parking, garden. EPC: E. SEDGLEY 01902 880888



**SEDGLEY, Caswell Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN, ENLARGED, gas centrally, uPVC double glazed detached that has been transformed to an exemplary specification comprising: hall, cloakroom, through living/dining room, refitted kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, block paved drive, expertly tended garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY 01902 880888

Offers in the Region of **£244,000**

Offers in the region of **£237,950**

Offers in the region of **£225,000**



**DUDLEY, Himley Road**

Quirky, gas centrally heated, double glazed house comprising: hall, cloak, lounge, sitting room, breakfast room, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, dormer attic. Extensive grounds, Mining Search available. EPC: E. SEDGLEY 880888



**COSELEY, Gough Road**

WALKING DISTANCE OF RAILWAY STATION. A distinctive, gas centrally heated and double glazed detached residence comprising: entrance porch, imposing reception hall, store, lounge, through dining room, breakfast kitchen with utility section and separate toilet. four bedrooms, bathroom, caravan parking area, garage EPC Rating E



**KINGSWINFORD, Court Crescent**

A SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED & IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME within a very desirable address, offering 3 EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS and SPACIOUS accommodation. With front DRIVEWAY and a level patio / lawn rear garden. EPC C



**SEDGLEY, Ladies Walk**

NO CHAIN, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached comprising entrance vestibule, hall, cloakroom, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, garden/playroom. First floor: L shape living/dining room, third bedroom. Second floor: two bedrooms, study, bathroom. Garage. PARKING, garden side & rear. EPC: C SEDGLEY 01902 880888



**GORNAL WOOD, Musk Lane**

Extended gas centrally heated part double glazed 19th century cottage with subsequent extensions: hall sitting room, bedroom, lounge (two further bedrooms); through dining kitchen, large bedroom (presently sub-divided to create two bedrooms) & bathroom. Extensive parking, sheltered garden. EPC: E SEDGLEY 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£189,950**

Offers in the Region of **£185,000**

New price

**£184,950**

New price

**WAS £185,000 NOW £178,500**

Offers in the Region of **£177,000**



**QUARRY BANK, Birch Tree Gardens**

This MODERN AND EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY, comprises: Porch, Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Guests WC, Conservatory, Sauna, Jacuzzi Room, Impressive Kitchen, Utility Space, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Rear Garden. EPC D

**£149,950**



**WOODSETTON, Parkes Lane**

EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached comprising: hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage (sub-divided to form store & utility room with toilet off). Garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY 01902 880888

New price **WAS £149,950 NOW £145,950**



**Brierley Hill, Leys Road**

WELL PRESENTED, LARGE, DETACHED FAMILY HOME available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and comprising: Hall, Well Fitted Kitchen, Guests Cloakroom, Sitting Room with Dining Area, THREE BEDROOMS, Modern Shower Room, Driveway, Garage and Rear Garden. EPC E

**£144,950**



**TIPTON, Sedgley Road West**

Gas centrally heated semi detached comprising: hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, cellarette; First floor - three bedrooms, bathroom & toilet; Second floor - landing with four bedrooms. Parking, garden. EPC: C. SEDGLEY 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£142,500**



**TIPTON, Wrens Avenue**

Conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached of character comprising: entrance porch, imposing reception hall (8'5" ceiling height), sitting room, separate dining room, kitchen, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, good sized garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY 01902 880888

New price **WAS £149,950 NOW £141,950**



**WOODSETTON, Parkes Hall Road**

Modernised, Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached comprising: porch, hall, store. Ground floor accomm. has been 'opened up' to provide lounge & kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Parking, garden, possible rear vehicular access (subject to licence fee to Council). EPC: D SEDGLEY 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£124,950**

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Planning consent secured to construct 2 three bedroomed detached dwellings overlooking Conservation Area within walking distance of Sedgley's Bullring. Site cleared and footings excavated for one plot.

Offers in the Region of **£120,000**



**Woodsetton, Windmill View**

Gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached in quiet cul-de-sac. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, dining room, lounge, kitchen, lobby, separate WC. Three generous bedrooms, reapt shower room, separate WC, good size garden. Mining History available, EPC Rating T.B.C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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# Pulsar looks like business

By Sharon Walters

**Nissan re-enters the family hatchback sector with the Pulsar, a somewhat conservative alternative to its extrovert crossovers like the Juke.**

The engine range is limited but will expand with sportier models coming on stream. It's early days yet but the omens appear very promising.

Almost a decade ago, Nissan did something radical, something that's never been done by a mass market car manufacturer before. It abandoned the traditional genres of family hatchbacks and medium range saloons, ditching the Almera and Primera models and concentrated instead on crossovers and SUVs. Cars like the massive-selling Qashqai and the Juke became Nissan's bread and butter and many other manufacturers scrambled to copy Nissan's model of success.

You can probably guess what happens next. Just as everyone else jumps ship to flood the market with lookalike crossovers, Nissan has decided to go back to the market it last served with the rather forgettable Almera. This time it revives an old name.

The Pulsar has been fitted with an all-turbocharged range of engines, as is the current vogue, largely carried over from the Qashqai range. Petrol buyers don't get a lot of choice as its stands with just a downsized 115PS 1.2-litre DIG-T engine available, although dealers will take orders for the 190PS 1.6-litre DIG-T that's proven popular in the Juke. Choose diesel, as

most UK buyers in this class do, and you get to select between a 110PS 1.6-litre diesel and, well, that's it. Where the diesel is solely offered with a six-speed manual transmission, the petrol engine comes with the choice of a manual or a six-speed Xtronic automatic gearbox.

Nissan hasn't done anything too radical to the styling of the Pulsar. It's almost as if they want to re-enter the market quietly, appealing to more conservative buyers who couldn't picture themselves behind the wheel of a Juke or a Qashqai.

The Barcelona-built Pulsar features instantly recognisable Nissan hallmarks like the V-motion grille and boomerang-shaped lighting signature with bold and energetic curves on the body side. It features some bold surfacing on the flanks although there are aspects of the rear end that are quite Corolla.

The interior features higher quality materials than we've seen on Nissan hatches to date, and there seems to have been a concerted effort to create a common look and feel across typefaces and grains on the dash. Thanks to the longest wheelbase in the class at 2,700mm, the Pulsar offers considerably more rear legroom and shoulder room than its sector rivals.

The entry level Visia is priced from £15,995 and gets a strong standard equipment count including a 5" colour screen, steering wheel mounted controls, Bluetooth and air conditioning. Step up to the Acenta model and another £1,700 or so nets you added extras like Forward Emergency Braking, automatic lights and wipers and Nissan's ingenious i-key system. The n-tec versions adds 17" alloys, privacy



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glass and Nissan's signature LED lights. It also offers a colour reversing camera and NissanConnect 2, an infotainment system offering full smartphone integration, Google Send-to-Car and access to a wide variety of apps.

At the top of the range is the Tekna, priced from £20,345, which gets further Nissan Safety Shield Technologies including Forward Emergency Braking, Moving Object Detection, Lane Departure Warning and Blind Spot Warning for the ultimate in passenger protection. Even the entry level model is well kitted out for safety equip-

ment with six airbags, wheel-mounted audio controls, a tyre pressure monitoring system, anti lock brakes backed up by electronic brakeforce distribution, and a stability control system that also include Nissan's Active Trace Control, which keeps you from deviating from your steered path.

We suspect that this will be a toe in the water for Nissan with more charismatic NISMO performance models slated for future release. It's been a long time coming but the Pulsar looks as if it means business.



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# Ford C-Max hits spot and is an easy choice

By James Parker

**Compromise doesn't have to be a dirty word. In fact, intelligent compromise is exactly what underpins the design of Ford's C-MAX compact MPV.**

Here's a car that needs to be big enough to fit family and luggage but not so big that it's too hard to pilot around town or park. It requires an engine with the torque to move a fully loaded car but not one that's so thirsty that the family purse strings are going to be stretched to breaking point. It would need all the modern safety and convenience features that buyers demand, but pricing that isn't out of reach of wage packets that already have school uniforms to buy and hungry mouths to feed.

Hitting the sweet spot in all of those decisions and many others beside is where the expertise lies and is the reason why the C-MAX is one of the biggest selling cars in its class. Ford first introduced this compact MPV model in 2003 and since then has sold more than 1.2 million in Europe and currently holds a 12 per cent market share.

The C-MAX was always an easy pick for anyone who enjoyed driving. It was by far the best car in its class when showed a B-road.

Now that the Golf SV is around, that superiority is no longer quite so cut and dried, but it's still a class act. Particular attention this time round has been paid to improving refinement.

Noise, vibration and harshness have been improved through the use of thicker side glass and more absorbent seals around the tailgate and rear view mirror. The engine bay heat shield has been filled with acoustic damping material to reduce powertrain noise and diesel variants are equipped with extra acoustic seals to further reduce noise intrusion. A re-tuned dual mass flywheel helps to reduce shaking forces when the engine is under load, while revised engine mounts offer improved refinement during Auto-Start-Stop operation.

The star of the engine line-up is the 120PS 1.5-litre TDCi diesel engine, seen for the first time in the C-MAX, replacing the old 1.6-litre unit. Power goes up by five per cent while emissions drop by six points.

There are also the multi-award winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol engines, offered once again in 100 and 125PS outputs. The big banger in the range is a revised 2.0-litre diesel.

The design of this C-MAX is evolutionary, with many of the details being brought up to date to reflect contemporary Ford thinking.

The dynamic styling delivers a stronger, sleeker front end, featuring Ford's distinctive inverted trapezoidal grille.

The washer jets have been hidden underneath the windscreen to give a cleaner look while the tailgate has been given a smoother and more sophisticated one-piece appearance.

Inside, you'll find a dash that's a lot less fussy than the previous model, reflecting the customer-led design refinements that have already been executed on the Focus. There are fewer controls and switches, while the new black satin trim and chrome detailing contributes to a cleaner look. Functions are simpler to use, such as the air-conditioning controls that now feature buttons that are easier to recognise and distinguish from each other. Practicality improves too, with a redesigned centre storage console.

The seats still tumble down individually in one motion to create a flat floor, with over 470-litres of space with all five seats in place.

## Gizmos

Ford has gone quite big on electronic gizmos in this latest iteration of the C-MAX. The last model also had a lot of smart tech features and Ford rightly left most of them on the options list, giving customers the choice of whether they wanted to pay extra or not for these nice-to-haves. You can now get one of those tailgate openers which operate when you wave your foot under the bumper.

There's also a perpendicular parking system and Active City Stop collision avoidance that operates at up to 31mph. Ford's latest Sync2 voice-activated connectivity system is also on offer, delivering smartphone sync and the chance to control some of the car's minor functions by voice command. The clearer eight-inch colour touchscreen is a welcome addition.

Ford also bring us MyKey technology, which lets parents set a top speed and limit stereo volume in advance to prevent the young 'uns getting a bit overexcited.

The diesel models really come into their own when you're willing to put some miles on the clock. If you want the C-MAX as a school run and shopping vehicle, you'd be better advised going for one of the economical 1.0-litre petrol models as they're priced so cheaply as to be a more cost-effective purchase.

Really leverage the economy benefits of the diesel engine though and you'll save big. The 1.5-litre TDCi diesel returns a combined fuel economy figure of better than 65mpg. Go for the 2.0-litre and it will also get around 60mpg. Insurance reflects the C-MAX's family owner profile, excellent safety and security record and low cost of repairs. The 1.6-litre model is expected to be rated at just Group 16E.

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The £5 gift is optional for customers to pay, however from past experience, AvailableCAR has found that the vast majority of customers are more than happy to help such a great cause and many donate even more.

For each charity donation, AvailableCAR then match the contribution and all funds go straight towards the general running costs to support the charity's three hospices in Selly Oak in Birmingham, Walsall and Worcester.

Since June this year, AvailableCAR has managed to raise £8,300 and the figure for the year should reach an expected £45,000.

Paul Arscott, operations director said: "We are delighted to be working with Acorns and hopefully will start to make some significant contributions to this fantastic resource for so many families located across the region."

Laura Richards, Acorns Children's Hospice corporate fundraising officer, said: "We are so grateful for the support of AvailableCAR and its customers."

"We rely on fundraising and donations to keep our services running, which cost £750 per child per day, so this kind of support is vital for us."

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## Athletes get stuck into Great Brum Run

ATHLETES from Dudley Kingswinford running club joined international class runners and more than 20,000 other entries to tread the streets of Birmingham in the Bupa sponsored Great Birmingham Run.

Almost 50 runners pulled on the blue hoops. Ben Foster was first back for DK in 1.15.45 (36th), Matt Biggs was 69th in 1.19.41. Kevin Duckworth was 126th in 1.22.58, Dave Norman 1.25.13, 184th, Richard Bate recorded a personal best in 1.27.28 at 276th.

Simon Hughes was 738th in 1.34.06, Mark Judge was 812th in 1.34.49 getting the better of Richard Tonks in 815th in 1.34.51, Mark Homer was 968 in 1.36.30, Phil Smith was 1,096th in 1.37.28, Keiran Pitt ran 1.39.22 for 1,351st and Darren Marklew was 1412nd in 1.39.45.

The rest of the field included: Roger Beppard, Tahir Yasin, Paul Baker, Simon Freeman, Ruth Heaton, Dave Ede, Russell Fox, Kathryn Sneyd, Stacey Jones, Andy Litchfield, Sandra Farnell, Joanna Clare, Karen Doy, Sally McConville, Andy Fraser, Lee Avery, Suzi Geraghty, Narinda Hughes, Gina Collins, Natalie Litchfield, Fiona Mersey, Lorraine Collins, Tina Wilkinson, Claire Holdcroft, Fay Stokes, Samantha Smith, Tracey Nicholls, Don Taggart, Sam Hemming, Charlotte Tonks, Samantha Hadley, Helen Smith, John Gould, Phil Morris and Enid Brazier.

## US striker Agudelo's a no-go

WOLVES have released American striker Juan Agudelo after citing a lack of match fitness as a factor.

The Colombian-born 21-year-old had been training with Wolves as a free agent since October 7 while efforts continued to pursue a work permit and played one friendly, a 2-0 defeat at QPR on October 10.

The striker was seeking to gain a Cypriot passport in order to qualify for a work permit, a process that would have taken at least six weeks.

But head coach Kenny Jackett said Wolves are not going to keep him.

"Juan is not a player we're going to pursue," said Jackett. "We felt match fitness was the key for Juan."

# Injury puts Glassboy Ben in hospital



Injured – Ben Billingham

STOURBRIDGE midfielder Ben Billingham remains in hospital after a horror injury at the weekend.

The 25-year-old from Quarry Bank suffered a dislocation and two fractures to the ankle in Saturday's 4-1 defeat at Matlock Town.

No date has been put on how long the player, who works as a bricklayer's labourer, will be out for.

Billingham has undergone two operations at a Chesterfield hospital but it is hoped the player will be transferred to Dudley's Russell's Hall Hospital today.

Glassboys boss Gary Hackett described the in-

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jury as "horrific". "I've been involved in football for a long time and it was one of those rare freak accidents that you never want to see in sport, but sadly it happened to Ben," said Hackett.

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"It was innocuous – he went to block something and his foot got caught in the ground.

"I've spoken to him and he's in good spirits. You could not wish to meet a nicer guy. It's a terrible moment for everyone involved. The result is

irrelevant." Billingham faces a spell off work but Hackett said: "He's a contracted player and the club will look after him 100 per cent."

A club statement read: "The dislocation was corrected on Saturday night and he has had an operation to insert a plate.

"His condition will be monitored over the next couple of days when a decision will be taken on discharging him from hospital in Chesterfield.

"We'd also like to thank the medical staff at Matlock Town alongside our own Richard Drewett for their swift aid in treating Ben."

Billingham has been inundated with goodwill messages on social media.

# Late goal denies Yeltz a first home victory

### Halesowen Town 1 Stamford AFC 1

**BEN Haseley's late header looked to have secured Halesowen's first home league victory until Stamford stung with an unlikely equaliser in the fourth minute of injury time.**

Draw specialists Halesowen dominated the first period to create a series of half chances with Neil MacKenzie driving just wide on three occasions and Iyseden Christie heading Aaron Griffiths' long cross wide in the 23rd minute.

Stamford finally came to life just before the interval when substitute Tom McGowan drove a loose ball just wide.

The Stamford stalemate continued for much of the second period with the visitors creating little, but the Yeltz still unable to turn possession into goals with both MacKenzie and Tom Tonks striking early second-half efforts wide.

Substitute Haseley finally broke the deadlock by nodding past Stamford goalkeeper Andy Stevens in the 85th minute after substitute Robert Thompson-Brown headed back a right wing cross from Tonks.

The visitors responded quickly as home goalkeeper Matt Sargeant made a good low save after Jordan Smith swivelled on the penalty spot before shooting.

In an exciting finish, late substitute Chris Lait then made an incisive run into the Stamford area to force an 88th corner.

Joe Hull made a good clearance from Stamford's Smith but the visitors had the last heart-breaking word deep in stoppage time after substitute Daniel Lawlor's corner fell for Ryan

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Clarke to slam home a 94th minute low drive through a crowded penalty area as the Yeltz succumbed to yet another late sucker punch.

Following the match, chairman Colin Brookes said: "We thoroughly deserved to win the game, it felt like a loss. We've lost a total of seven points in added time now; it's just the luck of the game.

"It will change though because of the way we're playing. I don't think we're too far away."

The Yeltz were due to play Rushall Olympic on Tuesday night but will be without Dan Bragoli as he is nursing a thigh injury.

**Halesowen Town:** Sargeant; Green, Griffiths, Forde, Hull (c), Tilt, Kettle, Tonks, Christie (Haseley 69), MacKenzie (Lait 82), Turner (Thompson-Brown 69). Unused Subs: Robinson, Charlton.

**Stamford AFC:** Stevens; Richards (Lawlor 72), Fox, Carr, Jones (McGowan 18), Clarke, Challinor, Nwadike, Smith, Shariff, Robbins.

**Unused Subs:** Bettles, Staff.

**Referee:** Martin Dexter  
**Attendance:** 405

## Albion Blind sided as historic result denied



Stephane Sessegnon smashes the ball into the top corner to give Albion a dream start against United

### Albion 2 Man Utd 2

ALAN IRVINE was denied a slice of Albion history by a heartbreaking late Manchester United equaliser.

But a fine display against Louis van Gaal's richly-assembled team ensured another major step forward for his burgeoning Baggies team.

Saïdo Berahino looked set to send Albion fans into seventh heaven when his 66th-minute goal gave Irvine's men the lead for the second

time in a pulsating Hawthorns encounter.

But, with the hosts just two minutes away from a first Hawthorns win over United in 30 years, Daley Blind struck a vital equaliser to spoil the party.

It was tough on the Baggies, who deserved all three points having led twice – first through Stephane Sessegnon's brilliant eighth-minute goal that was cancelled out on 48 by half-

time substitute Marouane Fellaini.

Yet when the disappointment fades at the cruel timing of Blind's strike, Irvine and Co will reflect on a hugely encouraging performance and a more than useful point.

Albion deserved their half-time lead but it lasted just three minutes after the restart.

Di Maria crossed from the left to the far post, where Fellaini and rifled a blistering shot inside the net.

## Glassboys 'must put focus on league'

GARY Hackett believes Stourbridge's shock FA Cup exit ended a 'welcome distraction' and now they must focus on league matters.

The Glassboys bowed out of the competition to Shildon in Tuesday's third qualifying round replay and now face a run of games in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier Division.

Defender Paul McCone returned to the club from Hednesford Town last week and, after being cup-tied against Shildon.

"Naturally we're disappointed to exit the cup, over the two games they deserved it, we simply didn't show up in the replay," said manager Hackett.

"But it's the first time in around ten years we've been beaten by a club below us in the FA Cup and while we've missed out on another potential cup run, it has opened up a great opportunity in the league.

"There hasn't been any kind of rhythm or routine. Of course the cup's a welcome distraction — we've been as successful as anybody — but now it's time for the league.

"We have lads coming back and fresh faces in so that's a boost," added Hackett.

## Nelson is the hero for Bilston

### Bilston Town 2 Dudley Town 1

BILSTON got back to winning ways with a spirited display that saw them come from behind to take all three points in this Black Country derby against a lively Dudley Town side.

Dudley had the better of the opening exchanges.

A Dudley corner on 16 minutes saw Darryl Hand rise highest to head home the opening goal for Dudley.

The constant pressure finally brought its reward a few minutes later, Mark Habbershaw heading down for Michael Nelson to strike home.

It was Nelson who slid the ball beneath the Dudley keeper for his, and Bilston's second.

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## Lions get back to grabbing victory

### Stourbridge 30 Stafford 12

AFTER three consecutive losses Stourbridge Lions were back to winning ways at home against bottom club Stafford with an ultimately comprehensive 30-12 victory. The bonus point win moves them further away from danger.

Early inroads into the Stafford half saw Joe Lovetrock's powerful run down the right rewarded with an unconverted try in the corner after three mins.

Soon after Stafford were ahead, a speculative kick to the edge of the Lions' 22 causing hesitancy and a bounce back saw Stafford ground under the posts for a converted try. Sam Robinson, already showing great control at No.10, began a series of pressure phases with some fine kicks that pushed Stafford back for 20 minutes.

The pressure resulted in a fine grubber through by Robinson from just inside the visiting 22.

The ball was pounced on by young Josh Trinhnam on the left for his first Lions try. On 30 mins an almost identical kick by Robinson led to Chance touching down on the left. Both tries were unconverted, leaving the Lions 15-7 up.

By now the Lions pack was dominant in both scrum and lineout.

## Kenny wants more of Sagbo

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett admits he expected more from Yannick Sagbo.

The 26-year-old on-loan Hull forward has made three appearances in his three-month stint so far without looking like scoring. Head coach Jackett admits Sagbo, who is eligible for a recall next week, also looks short of sharpness.

"We were hoping he'd make an immediate impact - he wasn't brought in with us thinking 'we need three months with this guy'," said the boss. "It was with the intention that he could come in straight away. But he needs games to get to his sharpest."

"He looks short of match practice and he's been a substitute with me playing mainly Dave Edwards and Nouna Dicko."

Jackett hinted the Ivory Coast international must do more to earn more minutes.

# Defenders must get tougher, warns Kenny

## Football

FRUSTRATED Kenny Jackett has ordered his Wolves defenders to toughen up to stop the flood of goals against them after they gave up a usual game-winning three goal lead.

Saturday's see-saw 3-3 draw at Millwall made it 11 goals conceded in the last four games after just three in eight beforehand and has left boss Jackett facing questions about Wolves' defence.

The Wanderers side threw away a 3-0 lead after set-piece efforts from Danny Bath, Ethan Ebanks-Landell and Bakary Sako inside 64 minutes were cancelled out

by Lee Gregory and a brace from veteran substitute Ricardo Fuller.

And following the late collapse, Jackett wants his defensive players to be stronger to deal with the physical side of the Championship which is only going to get tougher as the season heads towards its climax.

"There are a lot of headers and a lot of first and second balls you have to deal with in this division, and you have to be big enough and strong enough to cope with

that," said the head coach. There was a physical pressure right along our back four all of the time and it's something we haven't withstood particularly well.

"We had to deal with a hell of a lot of long balls on Saturday," added Jackett after the game.

Jackett changed half of his back four for the return to his old club, dropping ever-presents Richard Stearman and Scott Golbourne to the bench as Ebanks-Landell made his first appearance in the Championship and Tommy Rowe was switched to left-back.

"I wouldn't say they (goals against) are all down to one person but it was disappointing," said Jackett.

"It's something we need to improve upon. "If you're going to pick up points on a regular basis you need to concede zeros and ones."

"Conceding three can't happen too often if you want to be successful."

Wolves now face being fined by the FA after having six players booked during the clash on Saturday, while Millwall had one player booked and Shaun Williams was sent off at the death.

## Starke wants to keep title

CRADLEY skipper Paul Starke is desperate to see his side retain their National League Fours title at Coventry this weekend.

A sensational maximum from Starke helped the Heathens claim a dramatic victory in the event last year on their way to a clean sweep of honours.

Despite a reshuffled side, the club have remained in rampant form in 2014 as they continue to dominate the third tier of British racing.

In-form Steve Worrall plus young guns Max Clegg and Tom Perry will join Starke to form a heavily-favoured Heathens quartet as they travel to Coventry searching for silverware on Sunday.

And Starke is desperate to repeat their success of 12 months ago on what promises to be an exciting afternoon.

Heathens host their final home meeting of the season at Wolverhampton next Tuesday, October 28, when they face King's Lynn in the Knockout Cup Final.

Admission prices have been pegged at the normal rate £11 adults, £8 concessions and £2 children.

## Dash make good run in Brum

DUDLEY and Stourbridge Harriers athletes were well to the fore in this week-end's Great Birmingham Run.

Rob Meredith had a great run to finish an excellent 51st in a time of 1.18.8. Dave Nation was 63rd in 1.18.59 and Dave Ratcliffe just behind in 66th place in 1.19.25.

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# DK GET KNOCKED BACK AFTER WIN

### DK 10 Sutton Coldfield 45

DK travelled to Sutton Coldfield hoping to capitalise on their first victory of the season against Burton last Saturday.

Having soaked up intense Sutton pressure in the first 10 minutes, it looked as if their last performance might continue when DK opened their account with a fine try.

Following resolute defence in the early exchanges, DK secured possession and in the 13th minute following excellent retention and the ball being recycled on numerous occasions, an overlap was created for Nick Adams to run in unopposed. Unfortunately Kieron Pinches was unable to convert.

However, this purple patch only flattered to deceive as the home side took control and ran in three converted tries in the space of seven minutes.

## Popped

In the 17th minute following a quick penalty, SC's Nathan Burchell scored with Alex White kicking the conversion.

Four minutes later the live wire winger popped up again to score with Alex White adding the extra points.

On 24 minutes, DK's Robbie Jones was yellow carded and Sutton Coldfield immediately took advantage and took a quick tap from the resulting penalty. DK began to drop off first time tackles and Fraser Tait crossed near to the posts. Alex

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White made no mistake with the conversion.

At this point DK suffered a major blow when Pete Knight had to leave the field and was replaced by Joe Francis. DK forwards were winning their equal share of possession and competed well at the set pieces. Unfortunately, the backs were unable to make good use of the ball so in an attempt to punch holes, they re-shuffled their back division.

Robbie Jones moved to scrum half with Connah Jones replacing Keiron Pinches at No.10. Matt Squires moved into the centre with Luke Greenwood coming off the bench to take his place in the back row.

Regrettably, this move proved to be fruitless and just before half-time, the home team won a DK line-out and Fraser Tait crossed for his second try. This time Alex White was unable to convert.

DK who opened the scoring in the second half when Nick Adams intercepted and raced 60 metres. This score was scant consolation as Sutton Coldfield ran in a further three tries.



DK's Robbie Jones looks to pass the ball during heavy traffic in the match against Sutton Coldfield

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